

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Stalin And China

WHEN the Soviet leaders began the denunciation of Stalin's "cult of personality" recently, observers drew attention to the embarrassing position in which this iconoclastic zeal would place Mao Tse-tung. There has been much speculation since then about the attitude likely to be adopted; as it transpires it has been most unsatisfactory speculation because of a number of conflicting factors which made it very difficult to determine any logical line that Peking might take.

Prior to the death of Stalin, communism in China followed a fairly orthodox development. And although Stalin and Mao had dissimilar backgrounds and often differed in approach, Mao was sufficiently impressed with his discipline to adopt it as the means by which Marxism would be introduced in China.

It helped, he noted, to get rid of such awkward people as Chen Tu-chuan (a "Trotskyite" purged for deviation in the 30's) who had served his purposes as one of the two leading theoreticians responsible for the party's founding. The co-incidence of this purging with his own in Russia undoubtedly pleased Stalin.

HE must have been less pleased with Mao's post-war independence which bordered on a calculated snub to Russia's preferred guidance. Mao persisted in seeking revolution through the peasants. He knew the weakness of his industrial proletariat better than the myopic councillor in Moscow who showed little realism in his tireless quotations from textbooks. This same independence of mind combined with the iron discipline he had sedulously cultivated now became the instrument with which the regime would mould the Communist state.

It helped, as Stalin undoubtedly pointed out from his own experiences, in making an unwilling and reluctant people comply with edicts with which they had no wish to comply. Development of heavy industry and agricultural reform were initiated under the same patronage.

But the mistake Mao made, in his admiration for absolute discipline, was to allow Stalin to command over generous attention. And many came to believe that this iron discipline was synonymous with Stalinism in iron curtain countries. Beria's purge was quickly imitated in China in 1953 but can the people be so easily disillusioned about Stalin?

IT is hard to see how. Flexible or hesitant policies might be interpreted as weakness. Force, it is claimed, is essential. But who is to determine the course? Of the three factions within the party, the pro-Russian group must be considered the greatest rival to the heretofore dominant China First. It is difficult to know whether Liu Shao-chi, a strong Pro-Russian, is still a Stalinist or a convert to collective leadership. This is an important consideration.

Meanwhile Mao is the ominously silent figurehead who, they say, dominates the country. Yet his reputed supremacy may be doubted by those who have been mystified lately by the apparent lack of any real substance in this brooding Big Brother. Of course, the key to this mystery will throw important light on China's feelings about Stalin. But it is hard to imagine Peking repudiating him entirely without sacrificing the cherished Stalin means of controlling the country.

MIDDLE EAST PEACE QUEST

Action By The UN Security Council INSTRUCTS SEC-GEN TO UNDERTAKE MISSION

New York, Apr. 4.

The United Nations Security Council today voted unanimously to send Mr Dag Hammarskjold, the Secretary-General, to the Middle East to survey the tense situation on the Israeli-Arab borders.

Mr Hammarskjold plans to leave New York by air on Friday.

The unanimous vote came after the Council had rejected three Soviet amendments to the main United States resolution.

Applause greeted the Soviet vote with the other members of the Council.

The three amendments pressed by the Soviet Union were defeated by votes of two to one with eight abstentions; three to two with six abstentions; and two to one with eight abstentions.

Peru and Cuba opposed the first which would have inserted a reference to past condemnations of Israel for attacks on Libya and Gaza.

Australia, Cuba and Peru opposed the second amendment which was to describe the Middle Eastern situation as "unsatisfactory" rather than "likely to endanger international peace and security." Yugoslavia voted with the USSR on that amendment.

On the final amendment proposing that the Secretary-General propose measures for reducing tension only after the "concurrence" of the parties concerned, Cuba and Peru voted against it.

Mr Sobolev, the Soviet delegate, said he had voted in favour of the United States resolution on the assumption that it was acceptable to Israel and the Arab states.



HAMMARSKJOLD

He said the Soviet Union had also made allowances for the explanations and clarifications given by Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, the United States delegate, that all measures or actions taken would be within the scope of the armistice agreements and would be carried out with the agreement of the parties and the Security Council.

Mr Hammarskjold told the Council: "I note that the Council wants me to explore possible ways of reducing the tension along the demarcation

lines. The extent to which such an exploration is possible and likely to yield lasting results, depends necessarily on the willingness of all the parties concerned to co-operate fully with the Secretary-General in a joint effort, inspired by mutual confidence.

"Assuming the task which the Council has desired, I trust that I can count on such collaboration. I also trust that all those who are interested in a good outcome of the effort, but are not parties to the conflict, will assist the parties and myself by restraint in word and action, as without this the difficulties would be unnecessarily increased."—Reuter.

Gaza Strip Action

3 ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED

Jerusalem, Apr. 4.

Three Israeli soldiers were killed and one wounded in a four-hour battle between Egyptian and Israeli positions in the Kissufim sector of the Gaza strip today, an Israeli military spokesman said here.

An Israeli patrol was attacked by Egyptian positions northeast of Khan Yunis with automatic and mortar fire.

The patrol returned the fire. Israeli artillery later went into action to free the Israeli patrol which was pinned down by Egyptian fire, the spokesman added.

Cairo Version

The Egyptian high command said in a statement broadcast over Cairo radio tonight that Israel had made daylight attacks in the Gaza strip.

The statement said: "A number of Israeli attacks occurred this morning on the Egyptian front in the Gaza strip. At 9.45 a.m. (local time) Israeli units opened fire from their positions on Egyptian positions which immediately returned the fire.

"This exchange of fire between the two sides lasted until 10.15 p.m. (local time)."—Reuter.

General Resigns

Khartoum, Apr. 4. The Chief of the Sudanese Army, General Ahmed Mohamed, has resigned his post because the Sudanese Government refused to make him a Marshal, it was reported here today. His resignation has been accepted.—France-Press.

Kefauver's Good Showing Against Ike

Milwaukee, Apr. 4.

President Eisenhower outdistanced Senator Estes Kefauver, Democrat presidential aspirant, in yesterday's Wisconsin primary election—but the senator won the biggest Democrat share of the vote there for many years.

In this traditionally Republican State—which sent Senator Joseph McCarthy to Congress—Mr Eisenhower's percentage of the vote fell from 75 per cent in 1952 to 58 per cent.

Senator Kefauver polled about 42 per cent, and Democrats were delighted with his strong showing.

Latest returns from 2,230 of the State's 3,321 districts gave President Eisenhower 428,408 votes, Senator Kefauver 321,830, and the local "favorite son" candidate, Mr John Chapple, a Republican opposing the administration's foreign policies, 29,588.

Wisconsin is part of the great "farm belt" in presidential elections—and the Republican administration has been criticized for allowing farm prices to sag. But the 1956

PEKING BREAKS SILENCE ON STALIN

London, Apr. 4. Communist China's official organ, People's Daily, today described as "courageous self-criticism" the recent Soviet Communist Party Congress denunciation of the cult of the individual as practised by Stalin.

The paper, breaking the long official Chinese silence on the controversial subject in a lengthy article carried by the New China News Agency, said this self-criticism by the Soviet Communist Party "of its past errors demonstrated the highly principled character of the inner party life and the great vitality of Marxism and Leninism."

The People's Daily said, "In every country, the Party (Soviet) Congress exposed the long existence of the cult of the individual which had caused errors in work and had effects on Soviet life."

It added: "No governing political party or bloc in the service of the people has ever dared or in contemporary capitalist states dares today to expose its serious errors conscientiously before the mass of its own members and people." This first official Chinese comment on the subject was based on the discussion of an enlarged meeting of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, according to the agency.

"REACTIONARIES CROW HAPPILY"

The paper said during the past month "more and more reactionaries throughout the world have been crowding happily about the Soviet Party's self-criticism of the cult of the individual. They say good! Just look, the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, the first to establish a socialist state, has committed serious errors and what is more it was J. V. Stalin, a greatly famed and honoured leader, who committed them. Reactionaries think they have something that can discredit Communist parties in the Soviet Union and other countries. But their

efforts will finally prove futile." The article continued: "Which leading Marxist ever said in his writing that we could never commit mistakes, or that any particular Communist could never commit mistakes? Is it not because we Marxist-Leninists always deny that there can be any 'miracle worker' who could not commit major or minor errors, that we Communists use criticism and self-criticism in our inner party life? Would it be conceivable for the first socialist state in history to practise dictatorship of the proletariat without committing errors of this or that sort?"

UNDERSTANDABLE MISTAKES

The People's Daily said "When the system of centralisation is emphasised, inevitably many mistakes will occur. This is quite understandable. But whatever the mistakes, for popular masses the system of dictatorship of the proletariat is always far superior to all systems of dictatorship by exploiting the classes, to the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie."

But, the paper said, leaders of the Communist parties and socialist states "have a duty to do their utmost to reduce errors, avoid certain serious ones, endeavour to learn lessons from particular errors or those of limited duration or effect, and make every effort to prevent these from developing into errors that affect the whole country or last a long period."

"To do this," the paper continued, "every leader must be most modest and circumspect, keep close to the masses, consult them in all matters, go into realities over and over again and make constant criticism and self-criticism appropriate to the situation and degree. Because of his failure to do this, Stalin made certain serious mistakes in his work in the latter part of his life as a top leader of the Party and the State. He became conceited and not circumspect. His thinking was subjective and one-sided and he made erroneous decisions on certain important questions bringing about harmful consequences."—Reuter.

New Drive Against Terrorists Opens

Ipoh, Apr. 4.

The first phase of a new drive against Communist terrorists in the notorious Ulu Kinta district of Perak began today when a food restriction order was enforced on eight new villages, the Straits Times reported.

The campaign, which affects 40,000 people, forms part of "Operation Shark" started more than two years ago, the paper said.

A house curfew was imposed on the villages from dawn to help checking.

Police, troops and food inspectors searched homes for surplus stocks of restricted articles.

Villagers are allowed to keep only one week's ration in their houses. The operation aims at denying food to the terrorists.—Reuter.

3 Europeans Murdered

Tunis, Apr. 4.

Three Europeans were murdered by khaki-clad insurgents shortly before negotiations opened today to transfer police powers over to Tunisian authorities.

Two Italians and a Frenchman were found with their throats slit. All were driving automobiles held up by the rebels.

The news of the latest violence broke as French and Tunisian negotiators began crucial "cease-fire" negotiations of transferring police control to the Tunisian authorities. These talks, expected to last three days, preceded the important conference which starts on the role of France in Tunisian foreign affairs, defence and economy.

Tunisian troops supported by French units, clashed with a rebel band near Magdun, 80 miles southwest of Tunis. Four insurgents were killed and 10 captured during the operation.—United Press.

Tornadoes Toll: 43 Dead, 500 Injured

Chicago, Apr. 4.

Tornadoes and storms that battered a dozen states in a two-day barrage left 43 persons dead, more than 500 injured and hundreds homeless.

Property damage soared into the millions. The twisters and storms spread a swath of destruction from Oklahoma to Michigan. The Grand Rapids, Michigan, area suffered the severest blow. The death count rose there to 24 as rescue crews searched debris reminiscent of wartime bomb devastations. The Michigan twisters struck the surrounding area and narrowly missed Grand Rapids, a city of 250,000.

IN A TRANCE

In Michigan, witnesses stood transfixed as they watched one twister that swept from Lake Michigan north toward Grand Rapids, narrowly missing Holland.

In Wisconsin, eight persons were killed late yesterday and more than 50 were injured, 10 seriously, in two twisters. One of the twisters, of 30 seconds' duration, ripped roofs from buildings, smashed cars and snapped trees 10 feet from the ground.

Five persons were killed in Tennessee and Mississippi. On Monday, the first day of the tornadoes, five persons were killed in Oklahoma, two in Kansas and three in Texas. The latter were victims of traffic accidents blamed on one of the worst dust storms in memory.

THE CAUSE

The army of deadly twisters was created by a vigorous spring storm that moved northward out of the southwest, picking up clouds of swirling dust there on Monday and spreading ice and snow across the northern plains on Tuesday.

The storm forced cold air into collision with a record-setting midwestern heat wave and stirred a weather brew that included cloudbursts and hail.

The storm's effects stretched eastward in Ohio. Toledo was lashed by gale force winds, and lightning touched off a \$120,000 fire at Arcanum, Ohio.—United Press.

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Stalin Upheaval Shifts To Bulgaria

Belgrade, Apr. 4.

Unconfirmed reports circulated in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia today that Bulgarian Premier Vulko Chervenkov had been attacked as a Stalinist at a meeting of the Bulgarian Party Central Committee.

According to the reports the Committee decided to "rehabilitate the memory of Traicho Kostov, former Vice-Premier, tried and executed in December 1949.

Position Weakened

A foreign diplomat in Sofia said on the telephone that the Central Committee met on Monday. Reports as to what was said at the meeting were not confirmed and the meeting had not so far been published in Bulgaria, he added.

The reports predicted that the resignation soon of Chervenkov as Prime Minister was possible. His position was stated to be considerably weakened since the official organ of the Central Committee, Rabotnichesko Delo, two days ago said the cult of personality had had harmful results in Bulgaria.

The execution of Kostov was seen as a parallel case to that of Hungarian former Foreign Minister Laszlo Rajk whose memory was rehabilitated last week.

Leadership Problem

This fall of Chervenkov would be welcomed by Yugoslav leaders. Chervenkov signed the Cominform resolution expelling Yugoslavia in 1948.

The problem of who could succeed Chervenkov and form the nucleus of a "group leadership" aroused interest in Yugoslav Communist circles.

It was thought that it would be difficult to find capable and trained leaders to take his place. Chervenkov who is over six

feet tall, has been described as standing head and shoulders over his collaborators both physically and mentally.

Two names were regarded by Communists here as likely candidates for the succession: Gorgi Chankov and Anton Yugov, both Politburo members and Vice-Premiers.

Important Talks

Attention was also focussed on a third leader, army General Ivan Michailov, member of the Politburo. General Michailov, not Chervenkov, represented Bulgaria at the recent funeral in Warsaw of the Polish President, Boleslaw Bierut.

It is believed here he may have had important talks there with the chief Soviet mourner, Nikita Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party.—Reuter.

Discrimination Complaint From Japanese

Washington, Apr. 4. JAPAN today formally complained to the United States about discrimination against Japanese goods in the State of South Carolina. The Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Masayuki Tani, made this representation in a State Department interview with Mr. Robert Murphy, the Deputy Under-Secretary of State. Informal sources said that while the Japanese representations did not amount to a full-scale protest, Mr. Tani told Mr. Murphy that a law passed in South Carolina on March 8 requiring shops sell-

German Press Demands Government Action

Bonn, Apr. 4.

The West German press today demanded a firm and unambiguous declaration from the Government reminding the Western powers of their long standing pledge not to make a deal with Russia unless she agrees to German reunification.

Editorial commentators expressed grave misgivings at criticisms of Western policy made by M. Guy Mollet, the French Prime Minister, in an interview yesterday, and some influential writers sharply attacked the Government for allowing them to go unchallenged.

Shared Views

M. Mollet said in the interview that in East-West negotiations the question of disarmament should come before that of German reunification.

Government officials said they shared the editorial writers' apprehensions about M. Mollet's statements, but felt it would have been unwise to tackle him outright and immediately in the absence from Bonn of the Chancellor, the Foreign Minister and the head of the Foreign Office.

It was considered preferable, they said, that a general policy statement on the points raised by M. Mollet should be considered "after a decent interval" and without direct reference to the Mollet interview, when the responsible Government leaders have had a chance to confer on it and on the course of the London disarmament talks.

U.S. Views Wanted

Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the Chancellor, said Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, the Foreign Minister, are on holiday, while Professor Walter Hallstein, State Secretary in the Foreign Office, is conducting a conference of German diplomatic representatives in the Near East at Istanbul.

Government officials said it would also be wise to get an idea of the United States attitude to M. Mollet's statements before a West German declaration was made.—China Mail Special.

FORGOT KEY: LOST £250

Bolksburg, S.A., Apr. 4. Absentmindedly leaving the key in the outside of his shop, a cafe proprietor, Mr. C. Coes, found when he re-entered the shop that £250 had been taken from the till.—China Mail Special.

HUSBAND TAUGHT LESSON

Peoria, Ill., Apr. 4.

A Rhodanian woman, Mrs. Marjorie Lacock, of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, has won a fur cape from her husband in a bet. Mr. Francis Nash, the City Clerk of Peoria, received a letter from Mrs. Lacock posted in Salisbury and addressed simply: "Towns, Clerk, Peoria, Illinois." It read:

"Dear Sir: I am writing this letter and addressing it in the ambiguous manner I have to put an argument with my husband. 'If my letter reaches its destination in Illinois, USA my husband will have to buy me a fur cape.'"

"He feels that I address mail in an unsatisfactory manner, but I reckon he is a close (cat) to think that the postal authorities should not know where Illinois is."

"Please forgive me for wasting your time, but do drop me a card if you receive this."

"Marjorie Lacock, Salisbury, South Rhodesia." Mr. Nash sent a card of acknowledgment.—China Mail Special.

WHO OWNS OUTER SPACE?

Montreal, Apr. 4.

The unromantic International Civil Aviation Organization came up with a terrestrial problem today.

It wants to know what happens when, say, a Russian "mechanical contrivance" rockets through outer space somewhere over Canada. The question: Who's to blame if a Canadian rocket shoots it down or gets in its way?

Or suppose an American satellite gets out of control and blasts a path through thin air high above China, would that be grounds for action by the tongs of the dragons—or should the Chinese mind their own business?

ICAO, a United Nations agency, announced that it has given the subject serious study.

NO RULING BODY

A report prepared at ICAO headquarters here for the conference emphasized that as of now, there is no body charged with ruling who owns outer space or segments thereof.

"There is good reason to believe that mechanical contrivances will travel beyond the earth's atmosphere in the near future," the report said. "The convention on international civil aviation gives each (nation that signed) complete and exclusive sovereignty over the airspace above its territory."

"But it makes no mention whether this sovereignty extends upwards beyond the boundary of the air."—United Press.

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Egypt ALLIANCE WITH YEMEN A NEW DANGER

Djeddah, Apr. 4.

Saudi-Arabia is buying jet military aircraft from Egypt and the first squadron was delivered last month, it was officially announced today.

The announcement came shortly after King Saud announced a "tongue and sword" policy to "protect the interests" of Saudi-Arabia.

The Saudi-Arabian Defence Ministry announced that the Egyptian jets were purchased under the military pact between the two anti-Baghdad Pact nations.

It said "several" squadrons had been purchased. The type of aircraft was not revealed and it was not known where the first squadron, already delivered, was based.

U.S. Training

Egypt is getting Soviet-designed MIG fighters and Ilyushin twin-jet bombers. The Egyptians also have a number of obsolescent British jet fighters.

The Saudi-Arabian Air Force is partly trained by US personnel at the Dhahran air base in Eastern Saudi-Arabia. Flying officer candidates have also been trained in the US.

King Saud said today: "I pledge myself before God to spare no effort day and night to strengthen our country and protect its interests by the tongue and the sword."

He added that whatever strengthened the country either economically or militarily conformed to the principles of Islam.

Agreement

At the same time, the Saudi-Arabians moved to extend the "neutralist" Arab bloc further southward by linking up the tiny, remote Yemen along the Calcutta-Dubai-Australia axis.

Well-informed sources here said Saudi-Arabia and the Yemen had agreed in principle on military and economic co-operation between the two nations.

(The move was seen by diplomatic sources in London as further evidence of increasing pressure against the British Colony of Aden and the British plan to unite the tribal leaders of the Aden protectorate into a federation capable of self-defence against Yemen aggression.)

(The Yemen claims the Aden backwater territory, but Britain has steadfastly rejected its claims. Aden is the site of a mammoth oil refinery just put into operation and is a strategic marine fuelling station on the British lifeline.)

The Saudi-Yemeni alliance swings the balance in the Arab world toward the "neutralist" position, with Egypt, Saudi-Arabia, Syria and the Yemen on this side of the cold war fence.

U.S. Base

On the other side is Iraq, a founding member of the Baghdad anti-Communist alliance. Libya has remained neutral but has an important American Strategic Air Command base.—United Press.

Blood For The Ballot Box

Canberra, Apr. 4.
In the House of Representatives Mr J. Fraser, Labour member for the Australian Capital Territory, urged all members of Parliament to donate blood to a Red Cross blood bank which was then visiting Canberra.

"The blood of many members is worth bottling," Mr Fraser said, "and the resultant mixture used throughout Australia may have widespread effects on the electors."—China Mail Special.

Rousing Welcome For Reuther

New Delhi, Apr. 4.
American labour leader Walter P. Reuther received a rousing welcome on his arrival here today for a visit as the guest of the Indian Government.

It was the warmest reception any American visitor has received in recent months.

The president of the Indian National Trade Union Congress draped a garland of flowers around the neck of the AFL-CIO vice-president amid cheers from the crowd.

Addressing a group of India labour leaders at the airport, Mr Reuther said both India and the US have much in common because both were born of revolutionary movements.

COMPARED STRUGGLE

He received applause with the statement that the US believes "all men are created equal."

Mr Reuther also supported India's claim to the Portuguese enclave of Goa.

He compared India's struggle for control over Goa with the activities of "reactionaries" in the United States. He singled out the Kohler Co. scene of a long-drawn-out strike.

"I am confident we will win our struggle (against Kohler) and you will win by driving out the last vestiges of colonialism in Goa," Mr Reuther said.—United Press.

Athens, Apr. 4.
Mrs Panamashvili, the Indian archaeologist who is director of restoration for the Ministry of Education, has arrived in Athens to study the methods adopted by Greece for the restoration of ancient monuments.—China Mail Special.



A US soldier pulls the new "Fountain Pen Dosimeter" from his pocket for measurement of gamma radiation. The dosimeter, developed at the US Army Signal Corps Laboratories, Fort Monmouth, can be read like a spyglass for a quick check of radiation levels. It is a small, portable device, its scale measures up to 600 roentgens—a usually fatal dose of gamma rays.—Express Photo.

British Military Attache Visits Russian Academy

Moscow, Apr. 4.

The British Military Attache, Brigadier, J. V. Davidson-Houston, and his assistant Major Roy Smith were today shown around the Frunze Military Academy.

They were the first Western officers to visit the Academy since the war. Until recently, everything connected with the Soviet armed forces was a closely guarded secret and it would have been unthinkable for a Western army officer to see how Russian soldiers trained.

Exchange Visits

Brigadier Davidson-Houston said that the Russians had agreed to a British proposal for an exchange of visits. The Soviet Military Attache in London, Major-General Alexander Rogov, will visit Sandhurst, the British Royal Military Academy.

The two British officers, who both speak Russian, attended lectures on military history and tactics but "did not have time" to talk with the cadets, the Brigadier said.

At lunch—which lasted two hours—"there was very liberal liquid refreshment."

The Russian commander, Colonel-General P. A. Kurochkin, said while drinking a toast that he hoped the visit of the British officers would be the "beginning of friendly exchanges."

No Politics

Asked if he discussed the article attacking Stalin in yesterday's Red Star, the army newspaper, Brigadier Davidson-Houston said: "We didn't touch on anything like that because we thought it might embarrass them. There was no politics," Reuther.

NZ MAY TRAIN ASIAN NURSES

Wellington, Apr. 4.
A proposal under which New Zealand may train pupil nurses from Colombo Plan countries is under consideration here.

If the proposal is adopted, Asian girls will be specially selected by their governments for training in New Zealand hospitals, after which they would return to their own countries.

The acute shortage of nurses in New Zealand would be eased by the scheme, and New Zealand would be allowed to contribute even more than she is doing at present to the welfare of South-east Asian countries.—China Mail Special.

MUSIC TEST FOR U.S. TROOPS

Schweinfurt, Apr. 4.
American troops here have successfully withstood temptations of a "psychological warfare test" during manoeuvres.

An Army announcement said that the Western music was unexpectedly broadcast to the troops from the "enemy" lines and a voice, first in a foreign language, then in English, invited them to leave their cold and windy hillside for hot food and warm beds with the "enemy."

'CAPTURED'

A reconnaissance squad was sent to the "aggressor" lines and "captured" a psychological warfare broadcast with a public announcing system.

Army officers secretly added the test in the manoeuvres "to make the presence of an enemy more realistic." The announcement said.—China Mail Special.

Afghans To Inspect Czech Arms

Prague, Apr. 4.
A six-man Afghan military mission arrived here by air today to visit Czechoslovak arms factories and inspect military equipment at the invitation of the Czechoslovak Government.

Their leader, Major-General Abdul Razak, Chief of the Afghanistan Armed Forces, said: "We shall stay about a fortnight and look at all kinds of military things which could be useful to our country."

He said Afghanistan might place orders for Czechoslovak arms depending on the missions reported to the Government.

The mission includes officers of infantry, artillery, engineers and mechanized units. General Razak said the mission would probably go to Moscow, from where it is returning to Afghanistan.—Express.

No Relaxation Of 'Credit Squeeze' In Britain

London, Apr. 4.

Government figures issued today showed that Britain is holding on to her recent economic improvement—but there can be no relaxation of the internal "credit squeeze."

The Treasury statistics were bright enough to give encouragement to the British public, but will be sufficiently sombre to give them little hope of concessions in the coming financial budget.

Brightest news from the Treasury was that the sterling area's gold and dollar reserves had risen by 67 million dollars in March.

Third Month

This was the best for any month since May, 1954, and extended a trend evident since October.

March was the third successive month in which the gold and dollar reserves had shown an increase, rising by 29 million dollars in January and 61 million in February.

The total reserves on March 31 stood at 2,277 million dollars.

Sydney Campbell, Reuters's Financial Editor writes:

"In themselves the figures are highly encouraging."

"They strongly imply that some recent appraisals of sterling and of Britain's external position have been too pessimistic."

"But as her external commitments are large and her margin of safety is small she must still restrain consumption for the sake of enlarging exports, particularly exports to Europe in the face of fierce German competition."

Best In Months

"So Mr Harold Macmillan, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is unlikely to take any chances in his 1956/57 budget to be announced on April 17."

The March figures also showed that, excluding special items and transactions with the European Payments Union, there was a surplus of 88 million dollars on ordinary dollar transactions during the month.

This figure, which has shown a strong upward trend in recent months, is a transformation from the third quarter of last year when Britain was more than that amount "in the red" each month.

Britain had a deficit of less than £500,000 sterling with the European Payments Union in March—the best figure for many months.

Two Deductions

Experts drew two deductions from the March figures:

First that the West German mark appears to be replacing the United States dollar as the world's strongest currency and second that some Continental countries must be buying with dollars "transferable sterling," which can be spent anywhere outside the dollar area.—Reuters.

Music From North Pole Tomorrow

Vienna, Apr. 4.
Radio listeners from all over Europe will be able on Friday to listen to a radio programme transmitted direct from the North Pole.

The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's "Operation Ice Bear"—a special non-stop flight from Vienna to Japan over the North Pole—will be interrupted so the musicians can play over a short wave link with the north Norwegian airport Bodø. From Bodø the musician's command, as they cross the Pole, will be transmitted to radio stations throughout the world.

SPECIAL PLANE

The orchestra, en route to a concert tour of Japan, will be the passengers on the fourth Pole crossing in world history by a special SAS Douglas DC-4 aircraft.

The orchestra is scheduled to give 15 concerts conducted by German composer Paul Hindemith in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Yokohama, Hiroshima, and other cities between April 9 and 24.—United Press.

SET PLANES FOR ISRAEL?

NOTHING TO DO WITH ME DEPARTMENT

Ottawa, Apr. 4.

THE Government and diplomatic circles have clamped an iron curtain around any negotiations which may, or may not, be under way for Israel to buy Canadian jet fighters.

The silence descended in the wake of Washington reports that Israel was seeking planes from Canada.

Prime Minister Louis St Laurent's office said, truth or not, it could not discuss the matter.

The Israeli Embassy said politely, but firmly, that arms purchases came under the "no comment" department. Senior civil servants said the whole matter involved Government policy in which they could not deal.

The new Jewish state was said to be seeking at least 50 more jets to meet a feared Egyptian attack. Israel expects to get 12 jets from France.

OTHER DEMANDS

Canadian Defence Department sources indicated that Canada had few, if any, jets to spare. It was pointed out that other Commonwealth countries and member nations of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation would have first call on any that became available and Israel, does not belong to the Commonwealth or NATO.

It also was indicated that Canada's F-86A Sabrejet production programme was only meeting the needs of the Air Force.

Some CF-100 twin-jet day-night fighters stockpiled by the RCAF in Western Canada were considered here as potentially too expensive for Israel at \$200,000 each.

Diplomatic sources, while denying any knowledge of planned jet sales to the Middle East, commented that it was unlikely that Canada would approve such an order at this time.—United Press.

Nehru Denies He Favours French

Allahabad, Apr. 4.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, today denied saying he was favourable to the policies of the French Government in North Africa and said: "Algeria must be freed."

Speaking at a public meeting here, Mr Nehru referred to the interview with M. Guy Mollet, French Prime Minister, published in the American magazine US News and World Report on Monday.

After referring to the recent visit to India by M. Christian Pineau, French Foreign Minister, M. Mollet was quoted as saying: "Mr (Nehru) declared that he was very favourable to the policies of the French Government in North Africa."

Appreciated

Mr Nehru declared that M. Pineau told him that France had granted independence to Tunisia and was ready to do the same in Algeria, but the problem was that a large number of French people had settled in Algeria for the last hundred years and the French Government could not leave them there to be driven into the sea.

Mr Nehru said he told M. Pineau he appreciated the difficulty but in his opinion some workable solution must be found, keeping in view the interests of French settlers.

"Whatever might be the rights of the French settlers in Algeria, Algeria must be freed and as long as their independence is delayed, some difficulties are bound to crop up," Mr Nehru told the meeting.—Reuters.

Bandits Run

Short Of Wives

Djaccarta, Apr. 4.
Guerrilla bands in the Celebes Islands said villages where they run short of "wives" according to reports reaching here from Macassar.

Recently within five days bands kidnapped 23 women, four of whom were pupils of a Moslem school. Two villages were threatened to resist the guerrillas were shot down.—China Mail Special.

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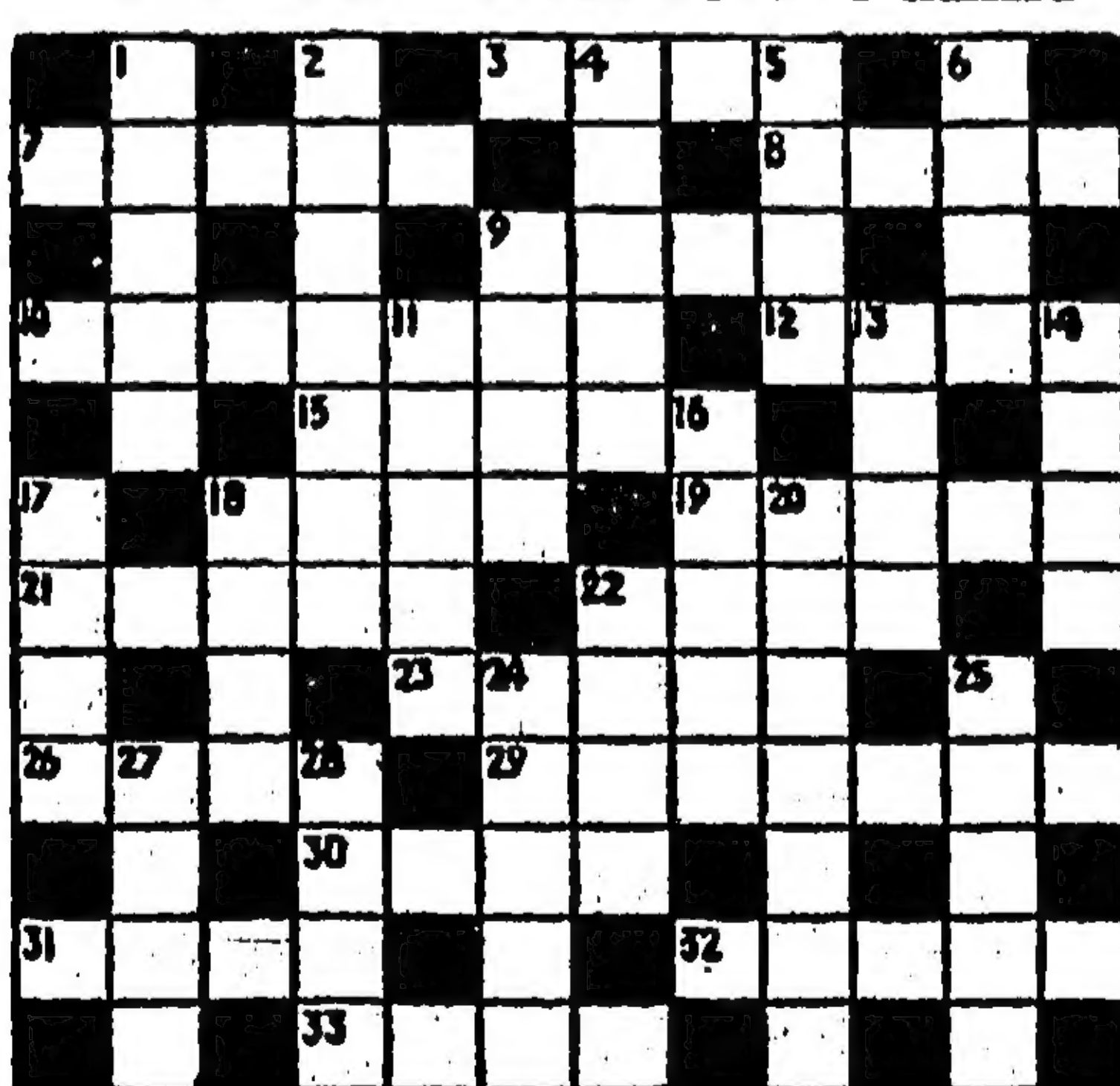
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A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS DOWN

- 3 Surtout (4).
7 Vigilant (5).
8 Wander (4).
9 Notion (4).
10 Take the chair (7).
12 Conspiracy (4).
15 Liable (5).
16 Repeat (4).
19 Goddess of love (5).
21 Lifeless (5).
22 Get up (4).
23 Choose by vote (5).
24 Small children (4).
29 Intervening time (7).
30 Nurse (4).
31 Domesticated (4).
32 Strike (5).
33 Flower (4).
- 1 Scarce (5).
2 Do well (7).
4 Burdened (5).
5 Scarce (4).
6 Wall decoration (4).
9 Object of worship (4).
11 Angry (5).
13 Solitary (4).
14 Try out (4).
16 Throw out (5).
17 Colour (4).
18 Batten (4).
20 Values highly (7).
22 Year (4).
24 Material (5).
25 Song (5).
27 Spoken (4).
28 Pace (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Scamps, 7 Epic, 9 Again, 10 Rally, 11 Ease, 13 Impediment, 16 Tonic, 21 Lure, 22 Embroidery, 23 Rife, 24 Rink, 25 Blast, 26 Port, 27 Salute, Down: 2 Class, 3 Mixed, 4 Striped, 5 Released, 8 Kora, 9 Flaky, 12 Dancy, 13 Litter, 14 Flammable, 17 Refer, 18 Crowd, 20 Imp, 21 Soot, 23 Iron.

SHOW TALK goes backstage in New York
to investigate a current craze

I meet the More-than-Marilyn girl...

New York
THE Brandt acting technique — sometimes referred to as The Method, and taught at New York's Actors Studio — currently obsesses Broadway. Practitioners of The Method are sometimes required to act the parts of cash registers or lawn mowers as disciplinary exercises.

The idea is that any actor should be able to think himself into any part, animate or inanimate. As a result, there are some startling portrayals of typewriters now being given. But the most remarkable imitation of all to be seen on Broadway is of a far from inanimate object of Miss Marilyn Monroe in fact. And the imitator, a peroxide blonde called Jayne Mansfield, has not been to Actors Studio and, as far as I can judge, the method practice is exclusively and singularly her own.

A fantasy

Miss Mansfield's version of Miss Monroe is to be seen in a Broadway hit comedy called Well Served — Sport Rock Hunter. It is by George Axelrod, author of The Seven Year Itch which was filmed with Miss Monroe in the lead. So presumably author

Axelrod has some knowledge of his subject. Miss Mansfield plays a blonde film star by the name of Rita Marlowe who is recognisably a caricature of Miss Monroe. The similarity between the two is not entirely due to Miss Mansfield's skill as an actress. Miss Mansfield, like so many young hopefuls, is herself recognisably a caricature of Miss

by THOMAS WISEMAN

Monroe. Consequently, she has merely to be herself in order to be a convincing, if exaggerated, imitation of Miss Monroe. As the original is herself something of an exaggeration, you can imagine that Miss Mansfield is, practically, a fantasy. She projects, gets about as subtly as Dr. Kinsey. Meeting her is rather like becoming involved in one of those old silent movies entitled The Vamp.

When I suggested to Miss Mansfield that there was a certain up-official resemblance between herself and Miss Monroe, she felt hurt. "How can you say that?" she asked. "I'm 40. Marilyn is only 37." This was not an allusion to age, but to bust measurements.

Miss Mansfield's attitude, posture and expression as she spoke were reminiscent of another blonde I had interviewed a little while ago. To be precise, Miss Mansfield was sprawled out on a settee, lips pouting babyishly whilst her eyes accompanied extremely adult messages.

She wore a blouse and midriff which were so tight that the seams had split in one or two places.

Spread out over the settee were cheese-plate photographs of herself — which dated back to her days as a starlet but of which she is not ashamed and which she has to wish to suppress.

"In this business your figure is a pretty important asset. Having a 40-21-35½ figure is what made me 'hot'. But that's not what is going to keep me 'hot'. So I don't feel ashamed of these cheese-plate pictures, but on the other hand I don't intend to make a career out of them."

Light relief

So far, however, Miss Mansfield's career and fame have been on a 40-21-35½ rather than on any more esoteric qualities.

That, in a matter of a few months, she should have established herself as a Broadway figure is an indication of America's almost obsessive interest in the bosom.

It would be wrong to dismiss Miss Mansfield and her bosom-friends as fluke successes of no importance. America, which tends to be rather over-awed by the whole business of sex, needs its comic sex-symbols like Miss Mansfield so that it can occasionally laugh at what it normally takes so seriously and solemnly.

In the obscene sex fantasies of the American nation, the Jayne Mansfields provide the light relief. As such they have an important respectable and, one might almost say, medicinal function.

Adlai was there

That, this is so seems to be fairly generally accepted. For example, Miss Mansfield is invited to all sorts of formal functions which are also attended by the wives of Governors and Senators.

The other day Miss Mansfield attended a tea-party given by Adlai Stevenson as part of the Presidential campaign. It is considered perfectly normal for a man like Stevenson to meet a girl like Miss Mansfield in the interests of mutual publicity.

Actually, Miss Mansfield regretted the meeting more than Mr Stevenson.

She is afraid that as a result of the wide publicity given to this meeting she will be considered a Democrat and, therefore, will not be invited to the Republican parties.

"That would be a pity, because Eisenhower gives such good parties," she says sadly.



Jayne Mansfield an indignant denial.

DON IDDON'S DIARY DATELINE HONOLULU

Greedy eyes on the 'Pearl'

JUST before I left New York a cable arrived from the Australian Government: "Welcome to Australia. Your many readers here are glad that the man whose Diary has entertained and instructed them about the American scene will report on this country."

I call that hospitality and I rate it enterprising. Would the United Kingdom Government officials do the same for a visiting Australian journalist? I doubt it.

So I set off on my "Follow the flag round the world" trip in good spirits, despite a snow-storm in New York and the fact that we had to board the non-stop airliner to San Francisco in a freezing hangar as the ground crew sprayed the plane with anti-icing fluid.

Here a Lesson

THAT was three days ago. Here in Hawaii, the sky is blue, the beach is golden, the hills are green, and the sun is hot. I am not surprised that the islands are called the Pearl of the Pacific. They deserve the name—and not merely for their beauty.

There is a lesson to be learned here by many parts of the world, and particularly by America's Deep South, which is torn with racial conflict. Here are close to 500,000 people — Japanese, Chinese, Caucasians, Filipinos, pure Hawaiians, and the Hawaiians, Puerto Ricans, Koreans, some Negroes, and thousands of white

visitors, all living in comparative harmony.

Here is a laboratory in race relations, and although there are shortcomings and barriers visible and invisible, the experiment is working well. In fact, the Americans are going to the most elaborate lengths to please the people whose skins are a different colour.

Boarding the Clipper at San Francisco's brand-new international airport were four members of the Japanese Diet. They were fussed over and coddled, given free drinks in the Clipper Club, escorted to the plane by anxious American officials.

To one airline official I said: "Why the V.I.P. treatment?" "That's the way it is now," he replied, "and Japanese airlines are tough competition. You won't find much racial trouble in Hawaii."

I felt I was a long way from Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Miss Lucy. I also felt, as I peered at my map and spotted Pearl Harbour that there are none like the Americans (and the British) for forgiving and forgetting. The attack on Pearl Harbour happened only a few years ago — a

wink in the eye of time — just a short distance from the hotel in which I write this dispatch, but it is best never mentioned in Hawaii.

When I got off the plane there were girls hired by the local Chamber of Commerce lined up, a band played soft Hawaiian music, and someone draped a lei or wreath of flowers round my neck. This is the standard treatment — slightly embarrassing, but good business.

It was night, and I don't want to libel Honolulu, but it was raining.

Tourist boom

I said: "The Royal Hawaiian Hotel" to the taxi driver and was driven at tremendous speed past garages, an oil refinery, a place of non-ill bars, Standard Oil tanks, drive-in restaurants with signs "Hot dogs, giant hamburgers, frankfurters, Pepsi Cola."

I thought: "There must be some mistake — this is New Jersey."

The air was not flower-scented, but reeking of petrol. That was the beginning and it was a let-down; but it has faded now. Hawaii lives up to the advance publicity for the most part.

I have walked miles this morning past magnificent hotels on the Miami model and splendid shops and stores. Honolulu is an exotic combination of Palm Beach, Beverly Hills, and Hollywood, with tropical overtones.

Hawaii is prosperous, riding a surging tourist boom as skillfully as the locals ride the surf. It is doing so well that the big-money men of Las Vegas and Miami are eyeing it enviously and greedily.

"The mobsters from the mainland would like to move in and introduce wide-open gambling, quickie divorce, and organised racing," Hawaii says "No" and means it. It is expanding and thriving without the casinos.

Gnawing problem

ALTHOUGH I have not formally begun to follow the flag — the flag is following me. Today, in the space of four short blocks near Waikiki Beach, I counted 29 British cars — MG's, Jaguars, Austin Healeys, Sunbeam Talbots.

I have not met any other Englishmen, but have come across several Australians on their way home after business trips to the United States and

Third Article: The New Germany

A nation's bank accounts were wiped out, leaving each depositor with the equivalent of only 26. Now, in one city, four hours in some of the world's most spectacular night spots can cost you four weeks' salary.

BRIGHT LIGHTS AMID RUBBLE

By JOHN FISHER

YOU normally have to wait a fortnight to get a table at the Stachelschwein (The Porcupine), a small German night club near Berlin's Kurfurstendamm.

Why the name? A brilliant group of five players appearing on a stage at the end of the room give the Western Allies, the Adenauer Government, and the German bourgeoisie so many adroitly planted quills that the seats are well worth their price of sixteen shillings.

PLEASANT SHOCK

This biting, critical, and self-critical humour is a feature of the new Germany. It would never have done for Hitler.

It is one of many shocks — pleasant on the whole — that come to any visitor to the new Germany.

For me, the first shock came soon after I was

shown into a double-room-with-bath, which happened to be the only suitable one then available at the Park Hotel, Dusseldorf. I read the price — forty marks plus service (the equivalent of about £4 sterling).

Then I remembered that only eight years ago a law had wiped out all German bank accounts, leaving each German with a balance of only sixty marks — not enough for two nights at my hotel. What a long way Germany has come since then.

Dusseldorf, by the way, is now the smartest and most expensive city in Germany. Many of the Ruhr barons transferred their offices from Cologne to Dusseldorf after the war because Dusseldorf was relatively undamaged.

Hamburg is once more the big international trading city and the North Sea outlet of the Federal Republic.

It also has a highly commercialised night life, capable of absorbing four weeks' salary in as many hours, but in a rather more spectacular manner than you would find in Paris.

Munich has become more dependent on local heavy industries than it used to be, but still has that opera-sputtering, beer-gulping atmosphere dear to the tourist's heart.

ARTISTS CALORE

Artists are to be found there in profusion, and so is a part of the German film industry.

West Berlin, despite heavy subsidies from the Bonn Government, has not yet lost its bombed-out atmosphere. But instead of having just one street of bright lights and good shops, as it had a few years ago, it now has several.

The Schlossstrasse in the formerly depressed suburb of Steglitz, is impressive at night by any standards.

The East sector of Berlin — you are liable to be halted at the border if you choose a main street or use public transport — wears a sinister shabbiness.

Its most notable feature is a vast, nightmarish, avenue of state shops crowned on top by the flats of Communist Party officials. Of private enterprise, courage, hope, there is no evidence.

Because of exchange restrictions, and for political reasons, contact between East Berliners and West Berliners is gradually becoming weaker, but Berlin remains the chief rendezvous for the 850 refugees who each day cross to the West from the Soviet zone.

THOSE THAT FLEE

Crossing points elsewhere along the zone border are more easily isolated and controlled than Berlin, which is the normal junction for travellers in the Russian zone between Dresden and Leipzig and the Baltic.

In theory only people who have left the Soviet zone for political reasons, or because their lives were in danger, are recognised as official refugees and flown from Berlin to West Germany. In practice most of those likely to make good are accepted even if they fled merely in order to better themselves.

The "unrecognised" refugees are not sent back, but are housed in camps, and have to make their own way in the world without unemployment and other benefits.

TOMORROW: PRODUCTION DRIVE

Seething

THE Attorney-General, Edward Silva, says: "Washington and the South are seething to such an extent over the racial issue that Southern Senators and Congressmen will not consider weakening their position by admitting two Senators from Hawaii."

So this polyglot land, where a Chinese Chief of Police, where another Chinese is Speaker of the House, where Japanese are college professors and hundreds of men and women of mixed blood hold high office, is barred as a fully fledged member of the Union.

There are some prejudices here, and there is some racial discrimination, but by law, and by general practice this is the land of the free. Here men are equal under the law, regardless of race, colour or creed. The Deep South should take notice and learn. It is a supreme irony that Statehood should be enjoyed by Dixieland and denied Hawaii, albeit



DANCING GIRLS GRABBED AND SOLD AS SLAVES

By PETER BLOXHAM

SLAVES have been secretly conveyed through Kano, the Nigerian town where the Queen stopped on her journey home after her tour.

This is part of an amazing charge made to French authorities by Awad el Joud, a 23-year-old Sudanese who says he is himself the escaped slave of an Arab prince.

Awad implicates authorities in the Sudan by suggesting they have winked at the kidnapping of men and women for sale as slaves in Mecca, Djeddah, and other Arab towns. His full fantastic story will soon be placed before the United Nations by Britain's Anti-Slavery Society.

I saw a confidential report from the French Ambassador to Saudi Arabia to the French Foreign Minister in Paris.

This said that prices in the slave markets vary according to age, beauty, and the strength of the slave. Beautiful, 15-year-old dancing girls are fetching anything between £200 and £400.

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A man under forty, the report adds, is worth £150, and an older woman £40. Slave merchants send out their men to villages of the Sudan, Upper Volta and the Niger with orders to bring back a "good bag."

And correspondents, quoting places, names and tribes, told me how young girls are kidnapped from the towns and villages of the desert bordering the Persian Gulf.

The slaver arranges for wandering musicians and entertainers to give a dancing party outside a certain village.

Then he pays the sheikh of a desert tribe to swoop on the party and carry off the girls.

Once in the slaver's hands the girls are sold openly in the slave markets of Mecca or Riyadh.

Twelve slaves who tried to escape were overtaken in the desert; nine were beheaded on the spot.

The other three were taken back to Riyadh, where they were publicly executed as a lesson to other would-be escapers.

Other slave dealers send agents to Africa posing as missionaries leading pilgrimages to holy places. Those who follow them are handed over to the slave merchants as soon as they have crossed the Red Sea.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



WORLD TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

RUMANIA BEATS ENGLAND 3-1 IN CORBILLON CUP

Tokyo, Apr. 5.

England collided with a brilliant team of Rumanian women today in its bid for the 1956 World Table Tennis Championship.

Possession of the Corbillon Cup, symbol of supremacy in women's table tennis, hinged on the outcome of the match, which opened today before a nearly capacity crowd in Tokyo's frigid Municipal Gymnasium.

After England and Rumania had tied the score at one match each, the Rumanians took the next two matches to overcome their opponents by three matches to one. Rumania will meet Japan tonight.

If Japan won, the three top teams would be tied at 0-1 and the point system would determine the champions.

Rumania's Ella Zeller opened the first match, serving to Ann Haydon, who smashed back the Rumanian veteran's serves and placements and took a 5-1, then an 11-8 lead.

Haydon increased her lead to 10-5 as Zeller, sitting despondently with her cutting defensive game, took to the attack and drove two out.

Haydon finished off the game 21-9 with a smash to take the first set.

NIP AND TUCK FIGHT

The second set was a nip and tuck fight as Haydon started to make errors and the Rumanian lass came from behind to tie the score 10-10 and then forged into a 14-11 lead.

Zeller was playing a cautious game, content to return Haydon's hard drives. The young English girl's misses gave Zeller a 15-12 lead but Zeller faltered and Haydon came within a point of tying up the score again at 15-10, but smashed one out to full two points behind, 15-17.

Zeller's error made the score 20-17, then Haydon missed the table with her shot, to make it 20-18. The husky British girl smashed a terrific shot for an ace, but the paddle hit the Rumanian girl's court and the score was 20-19.

Haydon missed a drive and the score became 20-22. Zeller went into the lead when the ball hit the edge of the table for a shot which Haydon could not return.

Zeller missed and it was tied 21-21 again. Haydon took the next point and then set up a beautiful smash, which shot past her opponent at the game, and set.

The six-time World Champion, Angelica Rozeanu, defeated England's Diane Rowe in the second match 21-11 and 21-18 to put the team match at one all.

HK WOMEN LOSE

The following are the results of today's team play for the Women's Corbillon Cup: The United States defeated Hongkong 3-1.

Mrs. Leah Neuberger of the US defeated Bagulo Wong of Hongkong 10-21, 21-9, 21-10.

Pauline Robinson of the US defeated Chan Yee-ching of Hongkong 21-18, 21-15.

Hongkong won the Doubles event with Chan Yee-ching teamed with Bagulo Wong to down Lona Flam and Neuberger 21-15, 21-12.

Robinson downed Wong 21-13, 21-10.—United Press.

EARLIER RESULTS

Czechoslovakia beat England 5-4. Richard Bonham beat Ludvik Vynanovsky 21-17, 21-13, 21-15.

Johnny Leach beat Ladislav Stipek 21-21, 22-20, 21-18.

Alberto Lo beat Wang Chuan Yao 21-21, 21-19, 21-17.

Chiang beat Seac 21-9, 21-9.

CORBILLON CUP

Rumania beat China 3-0. Angelica Rozeanu beat Chu Chung-hui 21-12, 21-9.

Ella Zeller beat Sun Mei-ying 21-14, 17-21, 21-17.

Rozeanu-Zeller beat Chu-Sun 21-14, 21-12.

United States beat India 3-2. Rachael Jolan beat L. Neuberger 10-21, 21-10, 10-21.

Meena Parande beat L. Flam 10-21, 21-10, 21-10.

Reichel John and Meena Parande lost to L. Flam and L. Neuberger 10-21, 10-21.

China Beat Hongkong 3-0

Fan Shi-kwan (HK) lost to Sun Mei-ying 14-21, 10-21, 10-21.

Bagulo Wong lost to Chu Chung-hui 13-21, 10-21.

Chan Yee-ching and Bagulo Wong lost to Sun Mei-ying and Chu Chung-hui 5-21, 17-21.

Japan Beat Korea 3-0

Yoshiko Tanaka beat Han Young-ja 21-10, 21-14.

Tomoko Okawa beat Wu Sang-suk 21-10, 21-10.

Kikuo Watanabe and Fujio Uguchi beat Han and Wu 21-17, 13-21, 21-18.

Hongkong Beat India 3-0

Bagulo Wong beat Meena Parande 21-10, 22-20.

Chan Yee-ching lost to Rachael Jolan 10-21, 10-21.

Wong and Chan beat Parande and John 13-21, 21-13, 21-10.

Chan beat Parande 17-21, 21-10.

Korea Beat Hongkong 3-1

Bagulo Wong (Hongkong) beat Han Young-ja 21-10, 21-16, 21-11.

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Wong lost to Han 6-21, 10-21.

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THE BREAK FROM SCRUM



The Final of the "Hill" Rugby Football Cup Competition was played at Blackdown, Hants, on March 28 between No. 3 Training Battalion RAOC Hilsen (Holders) and CAD Corsham (Wilts). RAOC Hilsen won 17-6. In picture RAOC Hilsen scrum-half clears the ball after the break from scrum.

THAT SEVEN WEEKS BREAK

Between FA Cup Semi-Finals And Final Likely To Be Altered Next Season

Says ARCHIE QUICK

That seven weeks break between the FA Cup semi-finals and the Final at Wembley is being decried in all quarters, and is likely to be altered next season.

Says Manager Leslie McDowall, of Manchester City: "There will be no sentiment about our Wembley selection. The eleven best current players at that date will get the job. I cannot ensure the players who got us to the semi-final being the same eleven men."

"If any of the present side lose form and their deputies make good, then they will be in the side. For instance, Johnny Hart was injured just before last year's Final and so lost his opportunity of getting a medal. He has only just come back into the game, but he is playing so well in the Reserves that he stands a chance of being chosen, and that would be justice for what happened twelve months ago."

"Then there is Don Revie. I do not say that these two will play, but that long wait makes anything possible. In addition to last form the present eleven have the strain of waiting, and may go stale as a result. Three weeks should be sufficient time between semi-finals and Final. "Paradoxically, it is because we do not intend to let our hearts rule our heads that Hart has a chance, for on plain sentiment's sake we should have to pick the eleven playing now. Common-sense tells us that that may not be so, and that Hart is playing well enough to be chosen."

FUTURE SELECTION

Manager Arthur Turner, of Birmingham City, echoes Mr. McDowall's remarks. "Our players are jumpy already," he says, "and there is still over a month to go. It is all wrong. In addition, remember there is the Scotland-England International at Glasgow, and if any of our players or Manchester's are chosen how will they react? Will they go all out in the International with a mind on future selection, or will they not risk injury for fear of losing a Cup medal? It is not for us to make the choice, and it is not fair to ignore them. The Final and the International should change places."

A Football Association official told me that reversing the Final and the International had never been discussed, but the question of bringing the Final forward or putting the semi-final back had been talked about.

Stanley Aldous, centre-half and captain of promotion seeking Leyton Orient went one day to the then manager Alec Stock and said: "For goodness sake boss, but that confounded Newport County centre-forward, Tom Johnston, I am fed up playing against him."

Mr. Stock did just that and the acquisition of Johnston has just about tipped the scales in favour of once despised Leyton reaching Division II for the first time.

In their history, Johnston, who once scored for Norwich City to knock mighty Arsenal out of the Cup, has found the net in almost every game he has played for Orient since his arrival in London just over a month ago, and has included two "hat-tricks" during that period.

Johnston, man of many clubs, once had a free transfer from Kilmarnock and was responsible for the two defeats Orient sustained against Newport early this season.

There is a parallel case to Johnston's. Many years ago a wee Hughie Gallacher, Scotland's greatest centre-forward, walked into his Newcastle United Managers' office and said: "For goodness sake sign that so-and-so centre-half of Burnley's Jack Hill." Officials were amazed for it was notorious that Hughie and Hill were deadly enemies. Continued

Gallacher, "If he can hold me as he always does, he can hold any centre-forward and I am fed up playing against him." Gallacher and Hill were to become friends and won Cup Final medals together.

Harping back to Leyton, I understand that the acting manager, Leslie Gordon, who was trainer in Mr. Stock's time will be appointed manager at the end of the season.

BIGGEST CLEAR-OUT

My information is that next July will see the biggest clear-out of professional footballers from London Clubs the metropolis has ever known. Arsenal, Spurs, Charlton, Fulham, Millwall and Queens Park Rangers are the clubs chiefly concerned.

Their playing staffs have men who have given them long and valuable service but Directors have decided that sentiment must play no part and both financial and from a playing point of view the deadwood must be cut away. Lishman's departure from Arsenal to Nottingham Forest was but a forerunner of what is to come.

If you take the road from Bideford in North Devon to Westward Ho you pass through the picturesque village of Northam, and in the first house on the right last week J. H. Taylor has been celebrating his eighty-fifth birthday. "J.H.T." Just a name, perhaps, to the modern generation, but this square built, outspoken man was one of the founders of golf as we know it today. The millions of club swingers throughout the world owe him a debt.

During his long stay as professional to the Royal Mid Surrey Club at Richmond I got to know him well. He could best be described as a solid man—solid in stature, solid in thought—and as one of the first professionals in any sport to uphold the game, popularised it, and provided many lessons for the learner.

He had a jaw that jutted to the level of his eternal peaked cap—I never saw him in anything else—and that was a clue to his pugnacious, but scrupulously fair nature. Son of a farm labourer, he became one of the "Great Triumvirate", and captured the Open Championship five times. Harry Vardon was the more correct golfer, Ted Ray and his pipe a breezier one, Alex Herd, with his exaggerated "waggle" when addressing the ball, just as skillful if less successful, but a crisis John Henry Taylor was the master of them all. Harry Vardon, once told me at his South Herts club, "Taylor can get out of trouble better than any of us; I have seen him make so many miraculous retrieving shots."

AT HIS BEST

And "J.H.T." has survived them all, just as his solidly-anchored golf used to survive many a gale of wind. He was at his best in those conditions. It was in a storm at Hoyalake where this year's Championship is to be held that Taylor won his last Open in 1913, and he laid the foundation of his success by solidly belting three wooden shafts down the first hole in the hole of the gale.

John Henry was not a stylist, although he admired the artistry of others. He believed in strength from tee to green, straightness down the fairway and accurate putting. He was one of the few early players who aimed his approach shots at the flag rather than at the green.

His short swing was deemed to be ugly, but at least it was effective, and he was hugely delighted when Reggie White, comber's short swing—created in his own image—triumphed over the flowing swing of Jimmy Adams in the 1938 Open Championship play-off at Sandwich when marauders were blown down in a raging storm. His short back-swing was also adopted by Henry Cotton.

Taylor played in his first Open in 1883—83 years bringing a complete change in the game.

US Agencies Insist Upon Free Access To Cover Olympic Games As News

New York, Apr. 4.

A plan by the Australian Olympic Committee to sell film coverage of the Olympic Games in Melbourne next November was rejected flatly today by the four US agencies which provide the bulk of the film coverage of news events for television.

Representatives of United Press, Movietone News, Columbia Broadcasting System, National Broadcasting Company and International News Service-Telnews said they informed the Australian committee they would insist upon free access to cover the Olympic Games as news.

The four agencies asked the committee to uphold the principles of free access to news coverage by television motion picture cameras on the same basis on which newspaper reporters and still picture cameramen will be permitted to cover the games.

In a cable to the committee, the agencies said: "Television news is accepted through the world as an important news medium and we do not feel the Australian Olympic Committee should discriminate against this medium."

LIVE COVERAGE

"(We) point out once again newsworld coverage is open to all organizations in the United States, for instance baseball world series, amateur and professional football championships, Kentucky Derby and in fact all professional and amateur events."

"It is true that television pays rights for live coverage of a complete event as the specific occurs but this is completely separate from newsworld coverage which is never banned or charged," the cable said.

The Australian committee, headed by William Kent Hughes, announced on March 27 that it was considering a plan to retain the rights to film all finals of all events. Hughes said worldwide bids for film television rights would be accepted until April 27.—United Press.

HK "Aw Hoe" Cup Team Leaves For Singapore

Eighteen players and three officials of the Hongkong Inter-Club Football team left by C.P.A. for Singapore yesterday for the "Aw Hoe" Cup matches. They will also play two exhibition games.

The team will be staying in Singapore for a week. On Saturday they will play Singapore for the Cup which is at present held by Hongkong. Then the team will play two exhibition games on Sunday and Wednesday, returning on Thursday.

Mr. Leslie Chan was not able to make the trip and Mr. C. K. Woo replaced him as team manager.

Following are the officials and players who left yesterday:

Officials:
Mr. C. B. Wang, Chairman.
Mr. C. K. Woo, Team Manager.
Mr. T. Seaden, Official Coach.

Players:
Goalkeepers—Wai Fat-kim, T. Charlesworth, Full Backs—Seo To-yu, Lau Yee, Hau Yung-sung, Half Backs—Yang Sam, Ko Po-king, Chau Man-chi (Captain), W. McJames, Lau Tim, Forward—Seo To-man, Ho Cheung-yuk, Mok Chun-wah, Ho Yung-fun, Chu Wing-kung, Chu Chi-yu, E. H. Moss, Lau Chi-lam.

IHF Receives 16 Entries For Olympic Hockey

The Hague, Apr. 4.

The International Hockey Federation has received 16 entries for the Olympic Hockey tournament to be held in Melbourne later this year.

They are: Holland, Belgium, Britain, Germany, Japan, the United States, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kenya, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Portugal and Egypt.

The 16 teams will be divided into four groups, the winner of each to qualify for the semi-finals. The groupings will be decided at a meeting in June.—Reuter.

GOLF

LGU Suggests Curtis Cup Be Played Every Three Years

London, Apr. 4.

A new plan to extend competition to Commonwealth and European countries for the Women's Golf International Championship is being considered, it was revealed today.

The Ladies' Golf Union stated that they have approached the US Golf authorities and the donors of the trophy with a plan, which could form the basis of discussion aiming at extending the scope of the tournament.

The plan suggests that the Curtis Cup should take place every three years. Initially, there should be four zones: Great Britain, France and Belgium; Australia, New Zealand and Africa; South Africa, Rhodesia and East Africa.

The statement said both the US Golf Association and the donors of the cup have agreed to consider the plan.

It is suggested that the venue of the Curtis Cup matches be selected in rotation—1958, USA, 1962, Europe, 1965, Africa, 1968 the US again, 1971 in Europe and 1974 in Australia.

The finals will consist of a tournament in which all teams play each other.

The statement said there have been suggestions that there should be a pooled fund to finance the matches, but that the LGU considers this impractical because of the overwhelming difficulties of its administration. It would prefer that each country should pay its own expenses.—United Press.

Australian Govt To Relax Ban On Tourists From Iron Curtain

Canberra, Apr. 4.

The Australian Government will relax its ban on Russian and other tourists from Iron Curtain countries for the Olympic Games but only during a specified period, said a spokesman today.

Visitors, officials and competitors from Russia would be granted visas said the spokesman, who was commenting on a request by Intourist, the Soviet tourist organisation, to a Sydney travel agency to arrange round Australia tours for Russians.

The spokesman said the Government policy was to bar tourists from Iron Curtain countries but this was being relaxed for genuine Olympic Games visitors.

Once the visa was granted, visitors would be able to travel to any part of Australia, he said.—China Mail Special.

Scorpions XI To Meet Optimists

The following have been selected to represent the Scorpions against the Optimists in a cricket match at Orange Road on Saturday April 7:

H. Owen-Hughes, D.W. Leach, H.H. Pinniger, G.O. Roberts, J.A. Walker, T.A. Pinner, C.B. Hill, J.A. Chesham, K.M. Campbell, T. Campion, H.D. Miller, Sorensen, J. Smith, Taylor, F. Marshall.



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HONG KONG & KOWLOON

US Soldier In West Germany Chosen For Olympic Try-Outs

A Connecticut soldier, stationed with a United States Army unit in West Germany has been chosen for Olympic try-outs in the United States later this summer. In the medium-distance track events.

Private First Class Vincent C. Gioia, of 1143 Boston Post Road, Riverside, Conn., former Brookline Boys High and Georgetown runner, will fly to California soon for the try-outs at Port McArthur.

Cino set a world record High School time in 1947 of 49.2 seconds for the 440 yards.

While in Germany as track coach of the 85th Infantry, he has been working out every morning, including the winter.

—China Mail Special.

SCOTCH LEAGUE

Scottish League Club Beaten 2-0 By Rheims

Paris, Apr. 4.

Rheims, the French Champions, beat Hibernian, the Scottish League Club, by two goals to nil after a goalless first half in the first match of their European Football Cup semi-final tie here tonight.

The teams meet again in Edinburgh in two weeks time. In the event of a Hibernian victory, goal averages will count.

The other semi-final tie is between Real Madrid (Spain) and Milan (Italy)—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



I HAVE MY SAY THIS BODYLINE BOWLING AT COLIN COWDREY IS NOT CRICKET

Says HARRY CARPENTER

The news that Michael Colin Cowdrey, burly smiter of centuries for England and Kent, is being groomed to take Len Hutton's place as opening bat for England, pleases me mightily.

I am not alone in having followed, with increasing interest, the spectacular career of young Mr Cowdrey, still only 23, since that delightful day at Lord's in 1946 when he hit 75 out of 156 and took three wickets for his Tonbridge school against Clifton, at the ripe age of 13.

If Michael Colin Cowdrey, whose very initials are the stuff and substance of English cricket, becomes as big a pain in the Australian neck as our Len, that's OK by me.

How very sorry I am, therefore, to have to report that Cowdrey is still a target for snipers because, last year, he was rejected for National Service by the RAF.

When he is not touring abroad—as he is now in Barbados and Trinidad, with E. W. Swanton's side—Cowdrey periodically receives at his Sutton (Surrey) home the sort of pestiferous letter that arrived on colleague Alex Bannister's desk yesterday. This is what it said:

VICIOUS TWADDLE

"Less than a year ago the RAF announced that owing to his feet condition Mr Cowdrey was totally unfit for any kind of service with the RAF.

"If this statement is really true, how can he then be fit enough to represent England in Test cricket?"

This type of vicious twaddle makes me sear red.

When Cowdrey was at Tonbridge he lay for nearly five months in bed with leg trouble.

Stiff toe joints had affected his walking.

But when the cricket season came round he forced himself to the nets, to bat and bowl with one leg in plaster and iron.

When he went up to Oxford Cowdrey was warned by a specialist: "Give up Rugby, otherwise one knock on those legs may put you out of cricket for good."

To this day Cowdrey's feet make him relatively slow on the cricket field, and have to be shod in special cricket boots.

Having returned from Australia last year as a major success on that heart-stopping tour, and a leading performer in helping us to retain the Ashes, Cowdrey was called up for National Service.

He could have claimed exemption immediately on medical grounds. He need never have entered the Services at all.

Instead, he insisted on taking his chance in the RAF. When, after three weeks, two orthopaedic surgeons advised his discharge, it was a bitter blow to Colin Cowdrey, a conscientious and high-principled young man.

Those feet can let him down at any time. Always hanging

over him is the possibility of an operation, in which the big toe joints may have to be broken and reset.

It is a minor miracle that Cowdrey can play cricket at all, let alone carry some of England's most fervent hopes in the forthcoming action with the Aussies.

Several weeks of solid square-bashing might have caused permanent injury. The RAF would have been instantly liable for compensation.

All the more to Cowdrey's credit that he is prepared to risk such damage to play for England, with no pension to cushion injury.

I hope he smacks Messrs Lindwall, Miller, and the rest of Australia's attack for some nice, juicy slices.

I only wish he could apply that brilliant bat more personally to those viperish critics who all down and pen their poisonous paragraphs.

BOXER OBJECTS

Jack Hyams, manager of middle-weight Lew Lazar, is protesting to the Boxing Board of Control about the foam-rubber underlay to the Liverpool ring, in which Lazar fights Billy Ellaway on April 12 in a final eliminator for Pat McAteer's British title.

Hyams claims that the inch-thick mat will slow down Lazar, who relies on speed for success.

"How does he know it will, when Lazar has never even tested its resilience? The mat has been down only three weeks and so far not a single boxer has complained about it.

Hyams' reply from the Board should be interesting.

The underlay, an experimental safety mat designed to reduce head injuries, is being tried out at Liverpool with the approval of the Board, who are sharing its cost (£120) with the stadium.

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India And Malaya Enter French Open Badminton Tourney

Paris, Apr. 4. Malaya and India are among the nine countries entered for the French International Badminton Championship to be played here next Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Malaysians will play only in the Doubles.

Liu Chao-kai and Yong Jung-sang have paired up, and C. L. Yap will partner A. C. Bahree, India.—Reuter.

Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

- The two qualifications for nomination are:
- (1) Footballing prowess
 - (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the.....Club.

(Signed).....

HUMEZ BEATEN ON POINTS



A left clip to the ear from US Negro boxer Tiger Jones appears to make the hair of France's Charles Humez stand on end during their recent contest in Madison Square Garden. Humez lost the contest on points.—Express Photo.

SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

My England Team For The Clash With Scotland On April 14

By W. CAPEL KIRBY

Apart from the introduction of Reg Matthews, in goal, Duncan Edwards at left half-back and Albert Quixall for John Atkey at inside-right, I have good reasons for not expecting the England team to be pulled apart and re-knit for the "Auld Enemy" clash with Scotland on Saturday, April 14.

Anywhere out of Hampden Roar range I would have suggested a clean sweep, thus—Matthews; Wright, Mansell; Boyd, Smith, Edwards; Groves, Quixall, Taylor, Haynes, Pegg.

If England "B" matches are taken seriously as a guide to candidates for full honours, why was only one selector present at Southampton for the game against Switzerland?

"I want to play for York," said a smart fellow who called on Sam Hartman. Giving his name as Harmer, Sam remarked: "That's a good footballing name." "Yes," said Corporal Harmer. "My brother Tommy plays for Tottenham."

WHAT ABOUT BERT?

Roy Paul, Len Boyd and Gil Merrick are in line for our "Footballer of the Year" title and statuette. All conform to type. Who else? Any objection to Bert Trautmann?

Torquay United have on trial from a club in the Newcastle area a young centre-half named Teasdale, who may well be wanted when George Northcott moves up to the senior team.

My tip is that Keith Morton, formerly of Sunderland, now leading Darlington's attack, will be getting goals in more exalted company next season.

Lancashire clubs have been well represented in the Perth-Dundee area recently. The first player to move may be Forfar's inside-forward Albert Craig, at present in the Services. For mission to interview the youngster has been granted to Bury.

What's this I hear about Cliff Britton succeeding Jack Bruton as manager of Bournemouth?

When our South African Soccer tourists get to Natal they will be greeted by Dudley Nourse as Chairman of the three-man selection committee. Better known over here as the Springboks' best-ever batsman, Dudley was a Test quality footballer and played for Natal Province.

Sympathy for Barnsley with the longest injury list in League Football. To consolidate their Second Division prospects they signed Norman Smith from Arsenal, but he hasn't kicked a ball since the season was seven minutes old. "We're hoping the recent operation on Norman's torn stomach muscles will have him fit for next season," says manager Tim Ward.

HENDERSON MOVE?

Jackie Henderson, the player whose free-kicks took Third Lanark out of trouble a few seasons ago, would like to return to Scotland from Leeds. He may play in Scotland every alternate Saturday next season, as the Anglo-Scottish club Berwick Rangers is on the lookout for a general to lead their

IS IT CRICKET?

Wembley Stadium authorities have paid out £2,044,000 in taxes over the last eight years against profits for the same period of £242,000. Entertainment Tax takes £15,000 from the Cup Final alone, and Sir Arthur Elvin wants to know why Test matches and amateur football escape free.

attack. A swap is being considered with wing-half Alistair Campbell joining Leeds.

Now that promotion hopes are dwindling, St Johnstone may be forced to sell, and the lad to lighten the Perth overdraft is likely to be inside-forward Joe Carr, who has attracted considerable attention from Preston.

Blackburn Rovers, concerned over the ineffectiveness of their left-wing, have watched Aston Villa's Tommy Southern, formerly with West Ham, but manager Johnny Carey must look elsewhere. Villa are too concerned themselves about their precarious League position.

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St. John Ambulance Orders

Order by Mr Fung Ping-fan, C.S.I.J., Commissioner of St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hongkong District, Order No. 14/56, Dated April 5, 1956.

Ambulance Duties—Hongkong—
4.4.56—14.4.56. St. John Amb. Div. 13.4.56—21.4.56. Wanchai "A" Amb. Div. April 1956: King's College Nsg. Div.
Ambulance Duties—Kowloon—
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Penetration Squad Duties—4.4.56.
Dr. Cing Yung, Dental H.F. Shields, A/S 2nd Lt. Arcull & Central Nsg. Div. 10.4.56. Yung Gin-chiu, Dental W. C. Allwright, C/S O. IV. C. Hanks & Central Nsg. Div.
Race Course—4.4.56. At Race Course, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div. At Headquarters, Western Dist. Amb. Div. 20.4.56. At Race Course, H.K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div. At Headquarters, Central Amb. Div. 20.4.56. At Race Course, Central Amb. Div. 20.4.56. At Headquarters, Confucian Amb. Div.
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Beach Duties—Hongkong—
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Beach Duties—Lanching, Kowloon—
7.4.56—8.4.56. Shamshuipo Amb. Div. and Waterloo Nsg. Div. 8.4.56. H.K. Chinese Mountaineering Competition—Kowloon—
8.4.56 10 a.m. Lion Rock; Shamshuipo and K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Divs. and K.Y.M.C.A. N/D.
Duties at 5th Annual Athletic Meeting for Kowloon Primary School, Shamshuipo, 9 a.m. Shamshuipo and K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Divs. Street Sweepers, Shelter Society Buses, April 1956: Shamshuipo; Waterloo Nsg. Div. Western Dist. Amb. Div. 20.4.56. Mongkok K.Y.W.A. Assn. Chinese Buses—April 1956: Shamshuipo Nsg. Div.
H.K. Society for the Protection of Children—Kowloon—
8.4.56—14.4.56. Waterloo Nsg. Div.
Appointment—Dr J.M. Park appointed to be Div. Surgeon of Shamshuipo and K.Y.M.C.A. Amb. Div. Dr Peter C.Y. Lee appointed to be Div. Surgeon of Kennedy Town Amb. Div. w.e.f. 1.4.56.
Taken on Strength: (a) Enrolment—Mongkok Amb. Div. 22.3.56. (b) Discharge—Mrs. Li Shiu Keung enrolled w.e.f. 22.3.56.
Decrease of Strength: (a) Leave—Eastern Amb. Div. 1st Lieut. Wong Kwok-woon leave for 2 months w.e.f. 1.4.56. (b) Discharge—
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that the Twenty-Eighth
Ordinary Annual Meeting of
the Company will be held at
the Company's Office, Jordan
Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon,
on Saturday the 7th April,
1956, at 12.00 noon for the
purpose of receiving the
Report of the Directors and
Statement of Accounts for
the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1955, to declare Divi-
dends, to elect Directors and
to appoint Auditors.

Notice is also given that
the Share Register of the
Company will be closed from
the 26th March, 1956, to the
7th April, 1956, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

LAU CHAN KWOK,
Managing Director.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1956.

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D. ESSES.

Bagdad Pact Council To Chart Future

Teheran, Apr. 4.
Representatives of the five Bagdad Pact
nations—Britain, Turkey, Pakistan, Iraq and
Persia—will meet here on April 16 to chart the
future course of the "northern tier" alliance in the
light of the latest Soviet tactics.

It will be the second Council
meeting of the Pact. An in-
augural meeting took place in
Bagdad last November when a
secretariat was established, with
Bagdad as its headquarters.
In the Middle East, as else-
where, fear of Communist
aggression has somewhat re-
ceded. What the Bagdad powers
fear is a political and economic
penetration by Communists.
Conditions here for such
penetration are favourable. Dis-
ease, ignorance and want are
the common lot of the 120,000,000
Muslims in the area of the
Bagdad alliance.

Low Standards

Communist ideas might have
considerable impact on people
who only dimly follow Soviet
policy in other parts of the
world but who hope for a
change at any price and whose
material conditions could hardly
be worsened whatever happen-
ed.

Against the region's chronic-
ly low living standards must be
set its rich natural resources.
This is something vital to the
West, particularly to Britain
who relies upon Middle East oil
to a greater extent than other
Western nations.

The problem facing the
Bagdad allies, therefore, is not
only how to improve political
defences against Soviet tactics
but how to help their own
people by raising their living
standards and thus making them
less vulnerable to Communist
propaganda.

Clearer Explanation

To raise the standards of
living, however, something more
than armies and treaties is
necessary. This demands a posi-
tive programme of improve-
ment so that the Arab, the Turk,
the Persian and the Pakistani
feels that he would have some-
thing to lose if Communist
penetration were successful.

It also calls for a clearer ex-
planation of what the West
stands for, and what Soviet
communism stands for. This is
not merely for peasant consump-
tion. But it is necessary for the
townsfolk, especially students,
teachers, doctors, lawyers and
journalists who promote nation-
alist movements.

Much emphasis will therefore
be placed during the coming

Bagdad Pact talks here on in-
formation (or propaganda) and
on countering subversion (or
turning Soviet political penetra-
tion) as well as on schemes of
economic and social develop-
ment.

Paper Work

This does not mean that the
military side will be neglected.
The Permanent Organisation
of the Pact includes a Military
Committee which will meet be-
fore and during the Council
sessions on April 16 and 17.

Chiefly, however, the military
men are expected to concen-
trate on paper work. They will
hope for agreement on a com-
mon scheme of defence for the
area as a whole. They may put
forward long term schemes for
linking roads and railway
systems at their various fron-
tiers. They may discuss uniform
training methods and improved
liaison.

But so far little has been said
about joint commands, weapon
standardisation or combined
manoeuvres.

As for the economic side of
the Pact Council, with the
possible exception of Iraq,
whose oil revenues amount to
£100,000,000 a year, the mem-
ber states need large-scale
economic aid to balance their
budgets.

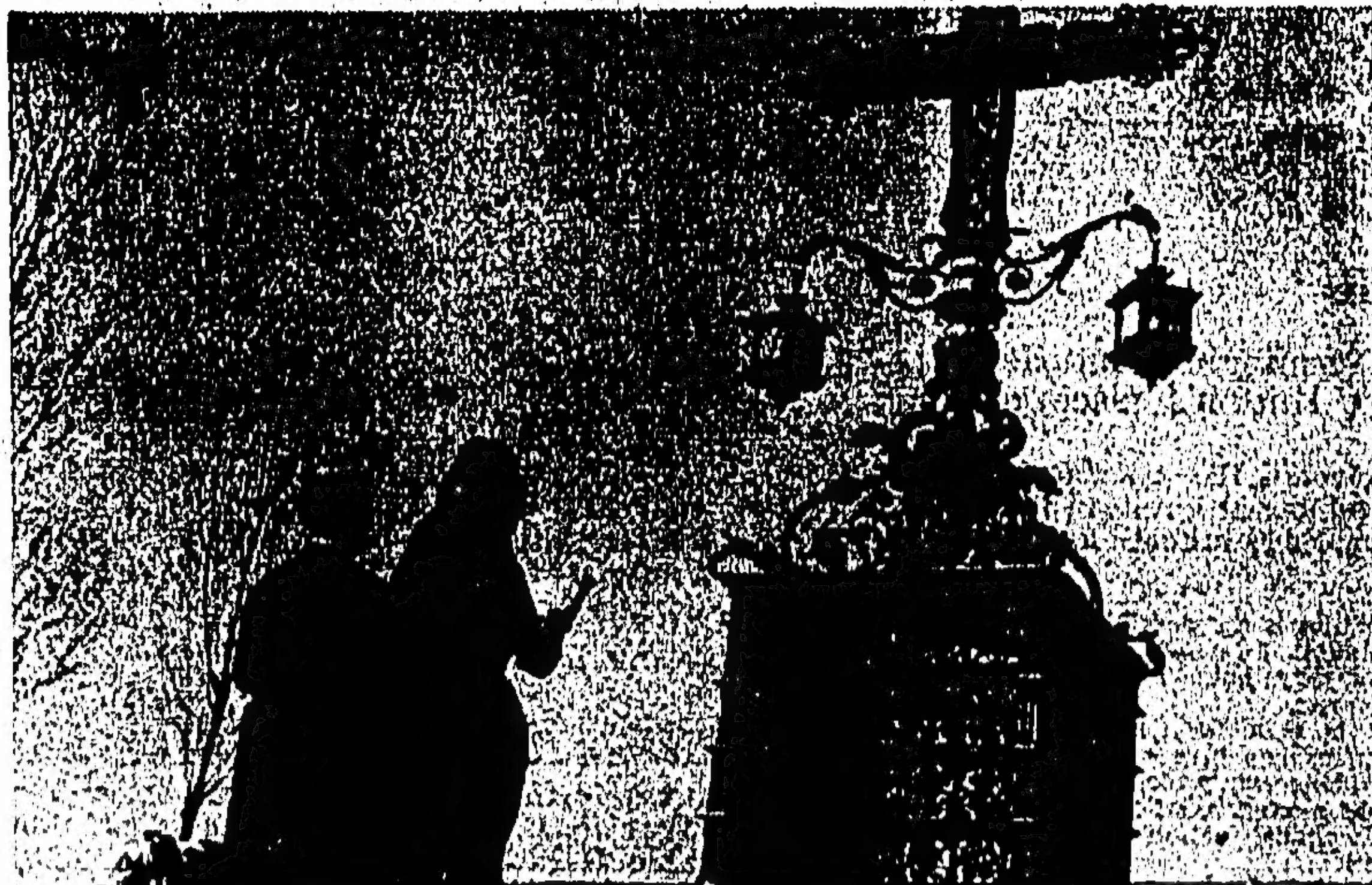
Britain, fighting her own in-
flationary problems, can offer
economic and specialist advice,
but probably not the cash to
translate ideas into reality.

One nation which could help
is the United States. But she is
outside the Pact although United
States aid on a bilateral basis
does reach all Bagdad Pact
countries, and the United
States stands observers to Pact
meetings and maintains perma-
nent political and military liaison.

Southern Danger

While the Bagdad Pact looks
to the north, towards the Soviet
Union, ironically enough the
most immediate threat to its
stability comes from the south
—from the existing precarious
relations between Egypt and
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THURSDAY, APRIL 5

By Air
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great
Britain and Europe, 8 p.m.
By Surface
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden,
Middle East, Great Britain, Europe,
Ror. & Parcel 1 p.m., Letters &
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Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa,
10 a.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zea-
land, 2 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 3 p.m.
U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle
East, Africa, Great Britain &
Europe, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden,
Middle East, Great Britain & Europe,
9 a.m.

HEIR MEANS

EVERYTHING TO MONACO CITIZENS

Monaco, Apr. 4.

Carabiniers in picturesque uniforms,
as they polish the 17th Century cannon
here for the wedding salutes on April 19,
hope that before too long they will be
able to fire salvoes to mark the birth of an
heir to Prince Rainier III and his bride,
Miss Grace Kelly.

The old cannon pointing out
over the sea from the square
facing the Royal Palace here
will boom out 21 times for any
child of the marriage, whether
a boy or a girl—for there is no
salic law in Monaco, and girls
have equal rights of succession
with boys.

Prince Rainier is the third
member of Monaco's ruling house
of Grimaldi to bear a name
which belonged to his illustrious
ancestor, Prince Rainier I, Ad-
miral of France and Scourge of
the Mediterranean pirates, who
died in 1314.

Bogged For Aims

The Admiral's kinsman,
Francis Grimaldi, a Genoese
merchant adventurer, established
the dynasty 17 years earlier
when, at the head of a band of
mercenaries disguised as Frui-
tician Friars, he scaled the
rock which dominated Monaco.

They knocked at the gates of
the fortress, now the site of the
Prince's Palace, and begged for
alms. Invited inside for a glass
of ale, they swiftly overpow-
ered the guards.

Ever since, with only a few
brief interruptions, Grimaldis
have ruled there, and
remembering that merchant, the
princely family's Coat of Arms
depict two bearded monks.

Before the arrival of the
Grimaldis, the rocky rock of
Monaco had sheltered Phoeni-
cian, Roman and Greek galleys
for more than 1,500 years.
The Roman poet, Virgil, de-
scribed Caesar used
it as a beachhead to land his
legions for the conquest of Gaul
before the birth of Jesus Christ.
When he massed an expedition-
ary force to defeat his rival,
General Pompey, he brought it
down the winding mountain
paths from Provence to embark
at Monaco.

Driven Out By Goths

Peace-loving Romans were
attracted by the olive-covered
slopes above the port, where
they built magnificent villas.
But soon the Roman garrison
was driven out by Goths, clad
in animal skins, who swept
down from the mountains.

Then came the Saracens in
swift galleys with gleefully
painted sails. Melkath Menou-
sch, leader of these soldiers
of the Crescent, made Monaco,
which the Romans had named
"The Rock of Hercules," the
centre of a great commercial
network linking Corsica, Sar-
dinia, Africa and his Spanish
possessions.

Monaco's narrow, twisting
streets still give the principality
the appearance of an impen-
etrable citadel, and the cannon-
balls, heaped in pyramids out-
side Prince Rainier's palace, are
an ever-present reminder of its
past.

Safe From Pirates

Throughout the 16th and 17th
centuries, Monaco developed as
a naval and commercial port in
the custody of Prince Rainier's
descendants, who charged a two
per cent ad valorem duty on all
cargo that passed through.

In return for this levy, which
was approved by the Holy
Roman Emperor Charles V and
later by Louis XIV of France,
the Grimaldi Princes policed
the Mediterranean, keeping
shipping safe from pirates by
escorting merchantmen of all
nations across its deep blue
waters.

During the French Revolution
of 1789, the Prince's Palace,
packed with priceless works of
art was sacked. The Principality
was united with France and re-
named Fort Hercules in 1793.

But after the defeat of Nepo-
leon Bonaparte by Britain and
her allies at Waterloo in 1815,
it was handed back to Princess
Hercules V who, preferring life
in Paris, only visited his prin-
cedom three times.

The French Emperor Napoleon
III bought the neighbouring
French Riviera resorts of Men-
ton and Roquebrune from
Monaco in 1861, the year in
which France annexed Nice.

Monaco today covers an area
of only 160 hectares—about 378
acres, or one sevenieth of the
area of Paris.

Guaranteed Job

If Prince Rainier should have
no heir, in addition to having
to pay taxes and do military
service for the first time since
the Middle Ages, Monaco
would lose the privilege of a
virtually guaranteed job in the
civil service, ranging from
troubler at the tennis table to
traffic policeman.

By tradition, every adult male
citizen—there are only 2,000
Monégasques among Monaco's
20,000 inhabitants—always ob-
tains such a post.—China Mail
Special.

Since the time of the Cru-
cifixion the Cross has been a
symbol uniting Christians
throughout the world. Its
meaning remains the same in
every country, even though
individual craftsmen some-
times elaborate on its design—
as here, in Spain, where a
husband and wife kneel be-
fore a cross of wrought iron.
—Express Photo.

FROG WITH TASTE FOR PEARLS

Brisbane, Apr. 4.
A frog at the Queensland
town of Rockhampton has lifted
himself above his fellows by
his taste in pearls.

He swallowed six and a half
inches of a pearl necklace at a
local store.

The frog, less than three
inches long, was seen to
swallow the necklace until it
reached the clasp and could go
no further.

Next day the frog spat the
whole thing out.—China Mail
Special.

Prince Has Hopes

However, Prince Rainier has
said that he hopes to have
several children, although he
does not mind whether they are
boys or girls.

The Prince's elder sister,
Antoinette, who has three
children, would normally have
succeeded to the throne before
him. But she renounced all
claims both for herself and for
any future children when she
was 21. One of the most popu-
lar women in Monaco, she
leads a busy life occupying her-
self with social works.

Continuation of the ruling
line of Grimaldi depends on
Prince Rainier having an heir.

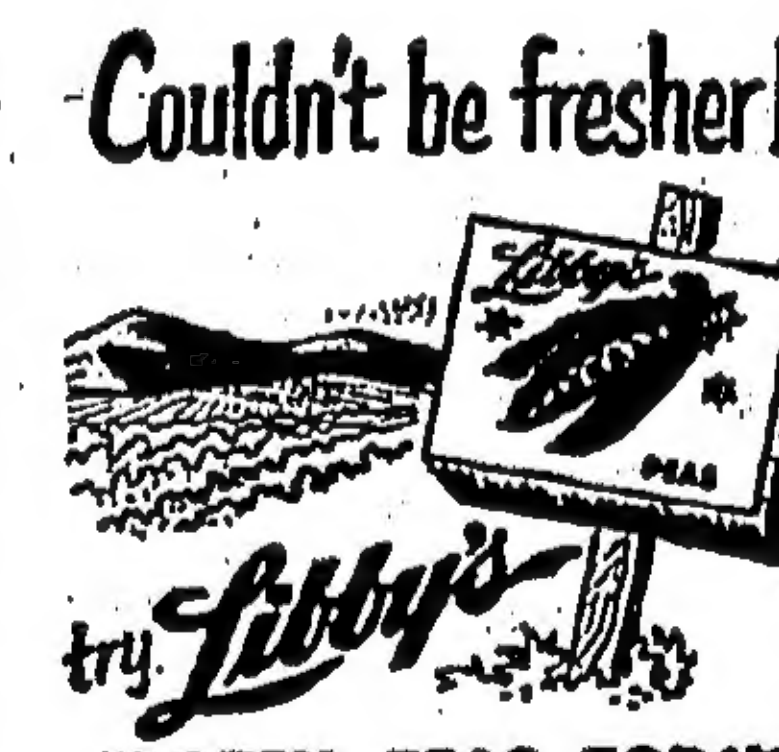
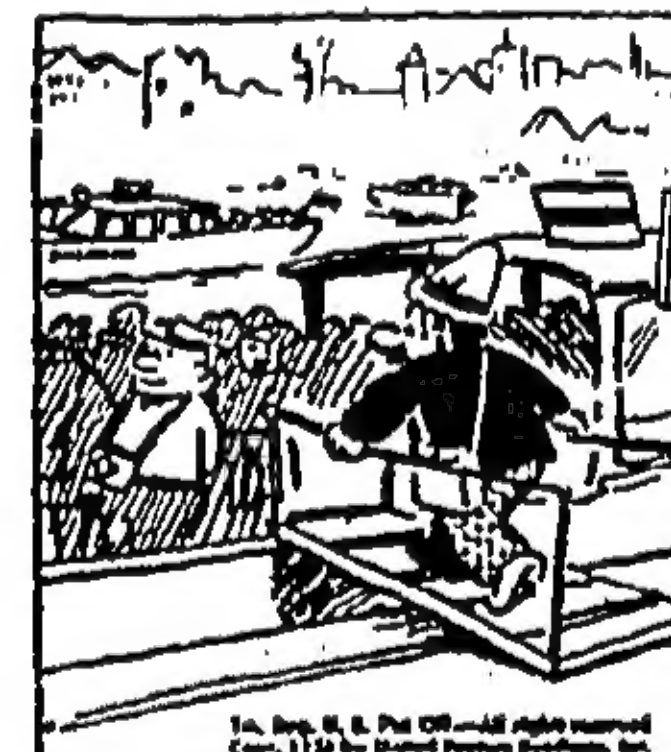
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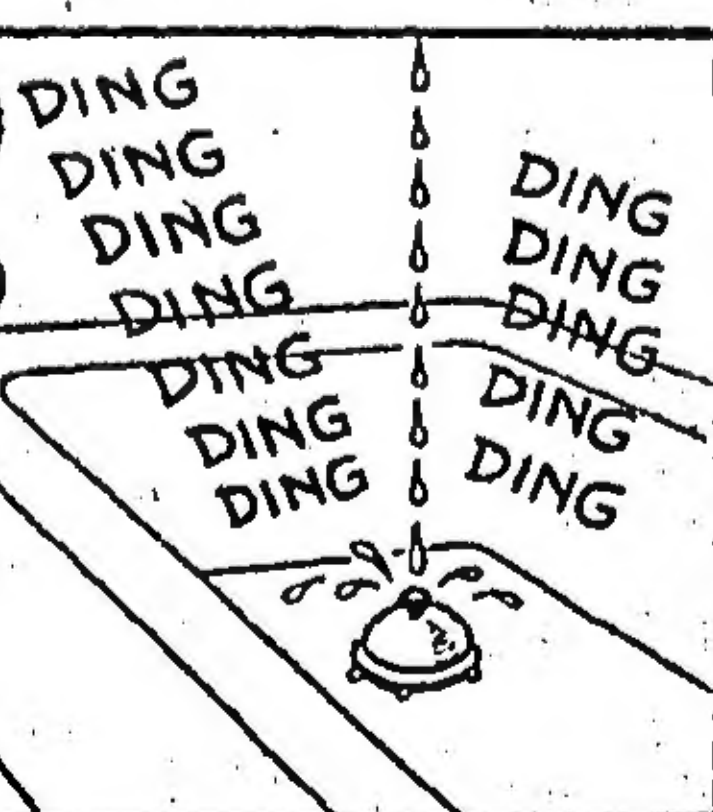
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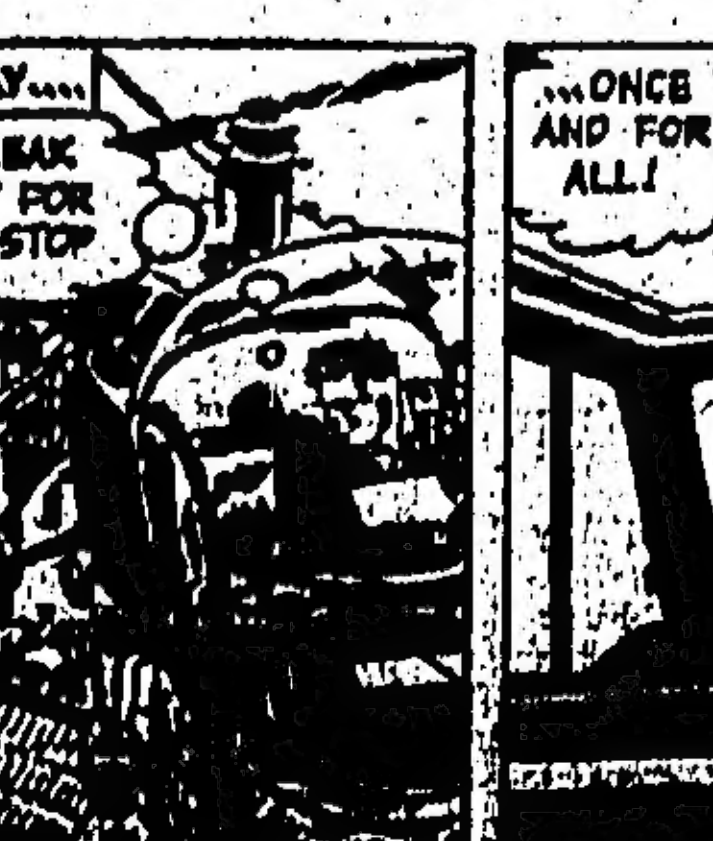
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WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

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—United Press.

Production Of Atom Age Metals Also Possible

Market

New York, Apr. 4.

where:	closing	averages	Minnesota Mining	43
30 Industrials	516.05	516.05	Eastman Chemical Co.	49
10 utilities	171.04	171.04	Monsanto Chemical Co.	49
10 utilities	67.14	67.14	Montgomery Ward	50
00 stocks	183.27	183.27	Motrola Inc.	49
00 bonds	90.18	90.18	National Cash Reg. "A"	49
Comm. future price index	192.04	192.04	National Dairy Prod.	49
Moody's Black	114.84	114.84	National Food	49
Moody's Black	114.84	114.84	National Steel Corp.	49
			New York Central	47

The Canadian Shield, of Sudbury, Ontario, has long been the world's principal source of the necessary minerals plentiful but not so abundant in other parts of the Shield, such as Iron, Lake Huron

(Chicago, Apr. 4.)
 Prices of lead futures close today in cents per lb. as follows:

May	127 1/2
July	127 1/2
Sept.	127 1/2
Oct.	127 1/2

(Indonesian) rupiah (per 100) 100
 (Siam) baht (per 100) 100
 Singapore (Malaya) 100

City	1950	1955
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Paris	100	100
Stockholm	100	100
Oslo	100	100
Others	100	100

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Oct. 1957
United Fruit

Australian notes (per \$1)	10
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	10
Siam tiam (per 100)	10
Singapore (straits)	10

Country	1974-75	1975-76	1976-77	1977-78	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	2036-37	2037-38	2038-39	2039-40	2040-41	2041-42	2042-43	2043-44	2044-45	2045-46	2046-47	2047-48	2048-49	2049-50	2050-51	2051-52	2052-53	2053-54	2054-55	2055-56	2056-57	2057-58	2058-59	2059-60	2060-61	2061-62	2062-63	2063-64	2064-65	2065-66	2066-67	2067-68	2068-69	2069-70	2070-71	2071-72	2072-73	2073-74	2074-75	2075-76	2076-77	2077-78	2078-79	2079-80	2080-81	2081-82	2082-83	2083-84	2084-85	2085-86	2086-87	2087-88	2088-89	2089-90	2090-91	2091-92	2092-93	2093-94	2094-95	2095-96	2096-97	2097-98	2098-99	2099-00	2100-01	2101-02	2102-03	2103-04	2104-05	2105-06	2106-07	2107-08	2108-09	2109-10	2110-11	2111-12	2112-13	2113-14	2114-15	2115-16	2116-17	2117-18	2118-19	2119-20	2120-21	2121-22	2122-23	2123-24	2124-25	2125-26	2126-27	2127-28	2128-29	2129-30	2130-31	2131-32	2132-33	2133-34	2134-35	2135-36	2136-37	2137-38	2138-39	2139-40	2140-41	2141-42	2142-43	2143-44	2144-45	2145-46	2146-47	2147-48	2148-49	2149-50	2150-51	2151-52	2152-53	2153-54	2154-55	2155-56	2156-57	2157-58	2158-59	2159-60	2160-61	2161-62	2162-63	2163-64	2164-65	2165-66	2166-67	2167-68	2168-69	2169-70	2170-71	2171-72	2172-73	2173-74	2174-75	2175-76	2176-77	2177-78	2178-79	2179-80	2180-81	2181-82	2182-83	2183-84	2184-85	2185-86	2186-87	2187-88	2188-89	2189-90	2190-91	2191-92	2192-93	2193-94	2194-95	2195-96	2196-97	2197-98	2198-99	2199-00	2200-01	2201-02	2202-03	2203-04	2204-05	2205-06	2206-07	2207-08	2208-09	2209-10	2210-11	2211-12	2212-13	2213-14	2214-15	2215-16	2216-17	2217-18	2218-19	2219-20	2220-21	2221-22	2222-23	2223-24	2224-25	2225-26	2226-27	2227-28	2228-29	2229-30	2230-31	2231-32	2232-33	2233-34	2234-35	2235-36	2236-37	2237-38	2238-39	2239-40	2240-41	2241-42	2242-43	2243-44	2244-45	2245-46	2246-47	2247-48	2248-49	2249-50	2250-51	2251-52	2252-53	2253-54	2254-55	2255-56	2256-57	2257-58	2258-59	2259-60	2260-61	2261-62	2262-63	2263-64	2264-65	2265-66	2266-67	2267-68	2268-69	2269-70	2270-71	2271-72	2272-73	2273-74	2274-75	2275-76	2276-77	2277-78	2278-79	2279-80	2280-81	2281-82	2282-83	2283-84	2284-85	2285-86	2286-87	2287-8
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So Henry Lends A Hand

OVER breakfast, Henry's wife recited the list of duties that lay between her and the end of her working day. It was a formidable long list, as any must be that sets out the day's chores of a woman who, like Henry's wife, has a house to tend, a husband to feed and four children aged from five weeks to 12 years to look after.

Henry was all sympathy. He thought of the high executives in the office where he worked as a clerk, and wondered how many of them, for all their fat salaries, their personal assistants and secretaries, would manage if they were confronted with the day's work of a housewife.

"SURELY, there's something I can do to help," Henry offered. "I don't think there's anything," his wife said, "filling my mind."

"But if I did the shopping, I could do it," Henry offered. Eagerly Henry pressed his idea. He left home furnished with instructions as to what to buy.

Promptly when his lunch hour arrived, Henry set out to do the family shopping. Possibly at the back of his mind there lurked a treacherous notion that as well as saving his wife some trouble he would be saving both of them money. Most men harbour the thought that if they did the shopping, housekeeping expenses would drop.

HOW THE MONEY GOES
ARMED with a paper carrier-bag, Henry made his way to a store where he hoped to be able to buy most of the things he wanted.

The bag began to fill and the money that Henry had with him flowed as fast from his pocket as dry sand gushed in a child's hand. Henry had set off well equipped, as he thought, with money. The way that it went was unobserved and unthought of.

He began to steal. As an assistant turned away to ring up on her till something he had bought Henry laid one of his plaid gloves over something else on the counter and neatly transferred that something to his carrier-bag.

WAFERS, BISCUITS, JAM
BY purchase and theft he had acquired so much that he had to buy a second paper carrier-bag to hold everything.

He thought he had been so subtly smart that it came as a shock to him when, outside the store, a policeman who had been on plain-clothes duty inside, stopped him. Straightaway, Henry admitted he had stolen, and the policeman, who had been next morning he pleaded guilty to the theft of a packet of wafers and one of chocolate biscuits, a pot of jam, a tin of cocoa, tins of sausages, marmalade and peaches—12s. 11d. worth of goods.

WORRYING
THE police told the story of Henry's shopping expedition to the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Robey. "This man," the policeman said, "earned an average of £9 10s. a week as a clerk. He said £2 6s. 8d. rent, and must have had a large, and that his money worries have been increased by the birth of the new child."

"I can only express my regret," Henry said, his head bowed. "I've disgraced my family. I don't know how it happened. I'm not exactly depressed, but I'm worrying. All the time, I'm worrying."

"You had enough money on you to buy these things," the magistrate said. "Then you would have kept your good character. You must pay a fine of £7. You may have two weeks to pay."

"Thank you, sir," Henry said, and, passing a hand across his head, he left. He had learned a good deal about a housewife's problems, learned it the hard way.

Film Rated "Lewd"
Los Angeles, Apr. 4
A film distributor, Jack Thomas, today was found guilty on three counts of violating the Municipal Code for showing the Swedish film "Monika". A Municipal Court jury liberated an hour and a half before deciding that lewd love scenes in the picture met the city's Municipal Code definition of "lewd".—United Press.

Thousands Queue For Ching Ming Festival Trains To New Territories



CALL FOR NEW POLICY

(Continued from Page 1)

which chose to remain outside the fact and would help hostile governments to whip up feeling against it.

The two main targets of British criticism at present are Egypt and Saudi Arabia, who, it is held here, are pursuing an implacably hostile policy against the West and Britain in particular.

This may eventually threaten the oil resources upon which the British economy now depends, it is feared.

WITHDRAWAL OF AID OFFER DENIED

The Foreign Office spokesman denied press reports that Britain had asked the United States to withdraw its offer of aid to Egypt in building the giant Aswan Dam on the upper Nile.

He also declined to "lend support" to reports that Britain was urging the United States to agree to "get tough" with Egypt's Prime Minister, Nasser.

But in fact the government here is known to be growing increasingly annoyed about Nasser's constant attacks on British broadcasts, and what are felt here to be other Egyptian attempts to undermine Britain's position in the Middle East.

It is therefore, assumed in diplomatic quarters here that Britain would like to see stronger Western reaction to Cairo's provocations.

Officials here today put the best possible construction on Dulles' assertion yesterday that in so far as Colonel Nasser's "public and official statements" reflected Egyptian policy the Prime Minister was actuated by a desire to maintain genuine independence in his area.

But they pointed out privately that it was the Nasser government's unpublicised activities which caused the greatest misgivings here.—China Mail Special.

Something Unusual In Entertainment

Last night at the Empire Theatre, a kind of entertainment was presented which is unusual in Hongkong—a concert by massed bands.

The bands were those of the 7th (Queen's Own) Hussars, under Mr W. B. Foster, with a total of 65 players.

Mr Horabin and Mr Foster took turns to conduct the combined force of musicians, and the result was an impressively well-disciplined and precise performance.

From above, the appearance of the bands was attractively enhanced by the presence of musicians, and the result was an impressively well-disciplined and precise performance.

The programme consisted mainly of a grand march, popular works, and a grand march, popular works, and a grand march, popular works.

At the end of the concert, followed by the national anthems, "Plymouth, Hoe" and the band, under Mr Foster, achieved a considerable lightness of touch.

Mr Foster, in a field-day for the brass, and they made the most of their opportunities.

Second Half
Supper's "Light Cavalry" Overture opened the second half of the concert, and the band, under Mr Foster, achieved a considerable lightness of touch.

Mr Foster, in a field-day for the brass, and they made the most of their opportunities.

Two things impressed me most about this concert. It was stimulating to see two sets of musicians who probably hardly spoke another's language, sitting together sharing the same work and establishing an excellent working relationship through the international language of music.

It is also remarkable that Mr Foster, who has personally trained most of the police bandmen from the very beginning, has created a body of musicians which is able to take its place beside a crack army band such as we heard last night.

In presenting this concert, Mr Horabin made an interesting experiment, and it can safely be said that it could be repeated with success.—K.K.

Indo-China Talks
London, Apr. 4
Britain and Russia will meet soon in a high-level effort to break the Indo-China stalemate, it was learned here today.

Reliable sources said Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko would confer with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Selwyn Lloyd, later this month on the Indo-China crisis.

The Soviets agreed to the two-power meeting with "considerable reluctance," the sources said.—United Press.

THEY MAY CHANGE NAME OF COLONIAL OFFICE

There is a hint in a book just out from London that someone may be thinking of changing the name of the Colonial Office.

Why? Because the designation of Colony in this iconoclastic age is said by some people to be obsolete and inapt. And its "ism" is an embarrassing, almost offensive word.

In George III's time, Colonies were called "Plantations" and the Colonial Office, the Committee for Plantations. That word was quietly dropped when America decided to go its own way.

What is the new name suggested for the Colonial Office? None yet, but it may be something like Office for Overseas or External Territories.

The change is not imminent, not even certain, but the hint that it is possible comes in a book (definitely titled "The Colonial Office" published by Allen & Unwin, 15/-) written by Sir Charles Jeffries, Deputy Under Secretary of State at "the office."

DEAD-AGAINST
He is dead against the idea of a change.

There is no ground of convenience or of principle for varying the ancient and honourable titles of the Secretary of State and his Office," he says.

He admits it is a long time since the title was strictly accurate. And that the S of S is, in fact, S of S for the "affairs of most (but not all) of the Colonies, and also of Protectorates, Protected States and Trust Territories."

And he does say that "no one could contemplate using such a name as 'Colonies' because no one has yet thought of a 'generally correct and acceptable word to cover all the different kinds of territories,' the name Colonial Office should stay."

He reminds us the title "Her Majesty's Colonial Service" used since William IV (1830-1837)—was dropped two years ago. Then it became "Her Majesty's Overseas Civil Service."

GOOD REASON
But there was a good reason for this: "Members of the Service are already employed and may in future be increasingly employed in countries which are not Colonies but may not even be within the responsibilities of the Colonial Office."

"Also to an increasing extent, the civil services of the territories are becoming local services, staffed largely by local inhabitants, and the conception of an all-embracing Colonial Service has lost much of its relevance to modern conditions."

But "whether or not it retains its present 'historic title' because of immense continuing responsibilities for as long as any planner can look ahead... the Colonial Office is certainly likely to continue in existence."

So, for those who think the Colonial Office rule is "something negative, damping and frustrating."

Sir Charles writes of it with affection, admiration and enthusiasm.

COLONIAL POLICY
Shedding fresh light on Colonial policy, Sir Charles says that territories are no longer considered places which "are being administered by agents on behalf of Her Majesty's Government but as political entities standing in special relation to the United Kingdom."

"The conduct of business between any territory and the United Kingdom is now approached in a spirit of bilateral negotiation and not of unilateral direction."

Ching Ming Observed

Tens of thousands of Chinese residents made a general exodus to the New Territories, Aberdeen and Stanley, this morning in observance of the Ching Ming Festival.

Standing three abreast, a long queue of people lined up outside the Kowloon railway station at Tsimshatsui waiting to board trains to Wai Hop Shek, Sand Ridge and Loo Wai, the tombs of long departed ancestors, friends and relatives.

The queue stretched the entire length of Salisbury Road to Chatham Road, past the NAAFI and down to Cameron Road.

The Kowloon Canton railway run nine special trains to cope with the demand.

Another big crowd gathered at the Kowloon Motor Bus terminus at Jordan Road where people queued to board buses for Ngau Chi Wan, Sha Tin, Tsun Wan and Fanling.

On the island, people flocked to Aberdeen to pay respects to loved ones in the cemeteries, joss sticks and joss papers were burnt in profusion, and fire crackers were let off around the tombs.

Radio Hongkong
H.K.T. Signal and Programme Summary: 6.00, Stock Market Report; 6.05, Harmonic Orchestra; 6.10, "For the Children"; 6.15, News; 6.20, Variety Hour; 6.25, News; 6.30, Portuguese Hour (Studio); 6.35, O.A. Hit Parade; 6.40, News; 6.45, "The Radio Hongkong"; 6.50, "The Radio Hongkong"; 6.55, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.00, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.05, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.10, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.15, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.20, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.25, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.30, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.35, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.40, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.45, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.50, "The Radio Hongkong"; 7.55, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.00, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.05, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.10, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.15, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.20, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.25, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.30, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.35, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.40, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.45, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.50, "The Radio Hongkong"; 8.55, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.00, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.05, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.10, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.15, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.20, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.25, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.30, "The Radio Hongkong"; 9.35, "The Radio Hongkong"; 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